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RESCUE EFFORTS: An Argentinan rescue team in Buenos Aires retrieves a body

In Muscat

from the wreckage of two trains which crashed. Forty-five people died in the incident.

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Pakistan supports any Syrian action

of Soviet government situation

Meanwhile, a spokesman said the Murtaza

Bhutto, eldest son of executed Premier Zul-

fikar Ali Bhutto, who was reported backing

the hijackers had boarded the plane as it left

for Damascus. Bhutto's widow, Nusrat, who

heads Pakistan Peoples Party of her late bus-

hand had been arrested Sunday apparantly to

Some Pukhtoon tribesmen whose relatives

were being beld as bostage were getting res-

tive and bad demanded that the relatives of

the hijackers be handed over to them until

Nonaligned

on Gulf war

GENEVA, March 9 (R) - Foreign minis-

ters of India, Cuba, Zambia and a Palestinian

official assembled bere Monday for the first

meeting of a "goodwill committee" set up by the nonaligned movement to try to resolve

The three ministers and Farouk Kad-

doumi, bead of the Palestine Liberation

Organization's (PLO) political department,

were due to start their exploratory talks at the

Cuban mission later Monday. Indian Foreign

Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao arrived Mon-

day morning to join his colleagues Isidoro Malmierca of Cuba and Lameck Goma of

The four-man panel was set up hy

nonaligned foreign ministers at a meeting in

New Delhi last month, The organization of

the Islamic conference and United Nations

Secretary General Kurt Waldbeim have also

launched separate initiatives to end the Gulf

-Turkish Foreign Minister Ilter Turkmen,

who is currently on a visit to Bangladesh, said

Sunday that no miracles should be expected

of an Islamic mission's efforts to eod the Gulf

war but he rejected any suggestions that the

Dacca "it will he wrong to expect miracles in

a complicated situation like this (the Iran-

Iraq conflict)." The peace mission's memhers

include Turkish Prime Minister Bulend

Ulusn and Bangladesh President Ziaur Rah-

Thursday by the mission received a cool

response from Iran and Iraq. But comment-

ing on the apparent rejection by both sides,

Turkmen said: "We bave to wait until we

receive official communication from Tehran

and Bagbdad. I don't think at all that the

Latest strikes

cripple U.K.

LONDON, March 9 (AP) - A 24-hour

strike by thousands of British civil servants

got under way carly Monday, disrupting air

services, tourist attractions, government

offices and courts throughout the country. A

nationwide pay dispute by most of the

530,000 civil servants brought airports to a

virtual standstill as air traffic controllers

All flight departures were eanceled except

At Heathrow, the country's largest airport,

terminals normally seething with activity were practically deserted, with most passen-

gers having either flown Sunday instead or

waiting for Tuesday. The nine unions

involved in the dispute are seeking a pay rise

of 15 per cent, from janisors earning \$110 a

week to permanent secretaries in Whitehall

the demands of miners and water workers.

has offered 7 per cent, thinking that the civil

for the day were the Tower of London and

numerous state museums and art galleries.

Staff at Buckingham Palace and Windsor

But workers at unemployment and tax

offices, government-ron driving schools and

weather centers were all affected. And

unions also predicted that most crown and

count courts would stay shut after the week-

Although the 90 per cent support for the

strike predicted by the unions was an optimis-

tie forecast, according to government

sources, widespread dislocation of the gen-

eral running of the country was mevitable.

The stoppage will be followed by selective

strikes, including one aimed at Britain's

Union leaders bave declined to give precise

Castle were exempted from the strike.

Among the tourist sights that were to close

servants' case lacks public support.

The government, which recently gave in to

ministries on \$72,600 a year.

for services at a few smaller airports managed

joined the walkout.

by local authorities.

end break.

defense network.

mission has failed," he added.

Ceasefire proposals made public last

Turkmen told reporters after arriving in

war, so far without success.

peace attempt had failed.

start talks

pressurise the hijackers to surrender.

the plane is returned.

the Iran-Iraq war.

Arab News Correspondent

RAWALPINDI, March 9 - A government spokesman Monday said Pakistan will have no objection to any Syrian "appropriate measures, including a commando action," to release more than a hundred people aboard a hijacked PIA Boeing 720 which landed at Damascus in the early hours Monday.

The aircraft hijscked by three armed men last Monday flew out of Kabul late Sunday night in spite of Pakistan government's equest to Afghan authorities to prevant the takeoff even by shooting the tires.

The spokesman said that the hijackers, who initially carried pistois, were able to built up an armoury" during the week-long stay at the Afghan capital. He disclosed that a Syrian military official, General Khouri who was held at machine gun-point as he went up to talk with hijackers at Damascus was told that they carried two time bombs, grenades, machine guns and enough ammunition.

The spokesman was confident that the Syrian authorities would "fulfil their responsibilities" and tactfully bandle the situation adding that his government had no plans to send a negotiating team to the Syrian capital, Recalling the difficulties faced by Pakistani officials in seeking release of the passengers at Kabul, he said the Syrian response, was "very positive" and "things would be much better at Damascus," he hoped.

Pakistani charge d'Affairs at Damascus had already picked up contact with the hijackers through wireless to discuss their demands pertaining to release of some 42 prisoners, including some of their relatives.

Pakistan government Sunday offered to release about 15 of the total 92 prisoners listed hy the hijackers who demanded that the number be raised to 42. For the safety of the passengers the government agreed to review more cases of such prisoners who had minor criminal charges against them that

permitted a lenical view.

The spokesman said that government would not accept the release of hostages in batches, as suggested by Afghan authorities, and would resist all attempts to prolong the agony of the passengers.

At a cabinet meeting President Zia condemned the "political blackmail and reiterared his government's resolve not to submit to such pressures. He also had phone talks with a number of beads of friendly countries. The president was also delivered a message

Kuwait opens new parliament

KUWAIT, March 9(AP) - Kuwait's ruler Sheikh Jaber al Ahmed al-Sahah opened the country's first parliament in five years Monday by rejecting foreign interventions in the Gulf and repeating Kuwait's insistence on Israeli's complete withdrawal from all occupied Arah territories, including Jerusalem.

He also appealed for close cooperation between the executive and legislative bodies of the government to" preserve the country's independence and stability.

"The past few years have been characterized by challenges and accomplishments both on the outside and the domestic fronts, Sheikh Jaber told the newly-elected assembly in his speech to parliament.

During these years, the world has witnessed multi-party conflicts in which attitudes and interests interacted with repercussions extending to the Arab world, particularly the Gulf region," he added.

He said that Kuwait played " a distinguished role on the international arena over the past few years... and repeatedly feared foreign interventions in the Gulf affairs."

We continue to insist on Israel's complete withdrawal from all occupied Arab lands, including Jerusalem, and recognition of the Palestiniao people's right to selfdetermination and the setting up of their own independent state on their homeland under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization," be said.

Sheikh Jaber pledged that Kuwait would conimue to shoulder its Arab, Gulf and world responsibilities.

During the opening session, former Planning Minister Muhammad Youssef Adasani was elected speaker and Abmed Abdel-Aziz Al-Sadoon deputy speaker.

Sadat to visit U.S.

CAIRO, March 9 (AFP) - Egyptian President Anwar Sadat is to visit Washington toward the cod of the year, State Minister Mansour Hassan told the daily newspaper Al Ahram Monday. Sadat has intended visiting the Uoited States shortly after the January inauguration of President Rooald Reagan, but then postponed his trip until the summer. Last October, Sadat suggested a U.S.-Egyptian-Israeli summit be held in Washing-

ton this spring on the Palestinian antonomy negotiations. But the Egyptiao president said he would not take part in any new negotiations before the Israeli general elections scheduled for

Pakistan government

reshuffled ISLAMABAD, March 9 (AFP) — Pakistani President Muhammad Zia Ul-Haq

Monday reshuffled his cabinet. Eight members of the outgoing cahinet and a minister of state retained their posts in the new expanded 23-member cabinet.

President Zia, facing opposition criticism of his four-year-old rule, replaced some military ministers by technocrats, bureaucrats and former politicians.

But he retained the ministers for foreign affairs: Agha Sbahi, defense: Ali Ahmed Talpur, finance: Ghulam Ishaq Khan, public works: Air Marshal Imamul Haq Khan, interior: Mehmood Haroon, education: Muhammad Ali Hoti, food: Rear Admiral Fazil Janjua and communications: Mihiuddin Baluch.

The reshuffle followed extensive consultations with the political parties Gen. Zia ban-ned in October 1979 after indefinitely postponing elections.

MUSCAT, March 9 (Agencies) — Saudi Arabia and five other Gulf states met in Mus-

cat Monday to finalize a plan to bring their

countries closer and safeguard stability in the

area. The six Arab countries, aim to set up a

community similar to the European Common

During a two-day meeting bere, foreign

ministers from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the

United Arah Emirates (UAE), Qatar, Oman

and Bahrain are due to initial the constitution

of a Gulf Cooperation Council and arrange

The council, consisting of a committee of

heads of state and another of ministers, will

form a framework for coordinating policies

and will meet regularly. The summit will poss-

ibly be in Riyadh in two months time, officials

tion after being threatened by a series of

They said the council would start gradually

trying to harmonize activities in areas such as

the economy, education and health. One

important task for the council in its first

months could he to solve outstanding proh-

lems between members unsettled border dis-

putes, making it easier for the six to cooper-

The council could later play a major role in

coordinating oil policies of the member

states, which range from Saudi Arabia pro-

ducing 10 million barrels of oil a day to

Bahrain, which produces 50,000. According

upheavals over the past two years.

ate in other fields,

said. The six states decided to boost coopera-

the first summit under the new system.



Pianning Minister Hisham Nazer

Nazer outlines economic plans

RIYADH, March 9 (SPA) - A roundtable seminar attended by international businessmen Mondsy resumed meetings at King Faisal Conference Hall. The three-day seminar, opened Sunday by Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal, was addressed Mon-day by Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham

The minister highlighted targets of the previous two development plans and the current five-year development scheme. He stressed that the objectives of the plans were being carried within the framework of Islamic system. He said that development was not restricted to the public sector but extended to the private sector as well.

"The former second development plan achieved the long-cherished targets of roads. seaports and airports, while the current development plan emphasized the productive bases in the country," the minister said.

" The national income has reached 15 per cent in the previous plan and that it is expected to drop down to 6 per cent in the present plan, but it will resume growth again hy building a productive potencial," he

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The symposium was addressed later on by Dr. Abdul-Rahman Al-Sbeikb, the minister of agricul ture and water who spoke about the role of the agricultural sector in the over-all economic development of Saudi Arabia.

Dr. Abdul-Rahman referred to the economic and political strategies applied for the integration of the agricultural sector. He pointed out to the obstacles facing the development of this sector and the government procedures to cope with these difficul-

He highlighted the agricultural strategies adopted to achieve food security of the King-

Arrives in Washington

Genscher to urge Reagan on N-talks

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP) — West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, opening high-level talks with U.S. officials, is expected to make a strong appeal for the resumption of nuclear arms negotiations between the United States and the Soviet Union.

West Germany is the key military ally of the United States, and American officials said before Genscher's arrival Sunday night that they expected defense issues would dominate his talks here. Of prime concern to the West German government is the Reagan administration's attitude toward NATO's December 1979 decision to modernize its medium range nucleation of proper The European countries of NATO

approved the decision because it was coupled with a U.S. pledge to seek negotiations simultaneously with the Soviet Union aimed at limiting such nuclear weapons hy both sides. The two superpowers have had several rounds of discussions on the subject, but the negotiations were sejourned late last year. During British Prime Minister Margaret

Thatcher's visit here two weeks ago, Reagan reaffirmed the U.S. commitment to both aspects of the NATO decision - installing the nuclear weapons and negotiating limits on their numbers.

However, West Germany and other NATO countries privately have expressed doubts about the new administration's resolve to enter into serious talks with the Soviets on the issue. Recently, there was a strong opposition to the missile deployment by leftist members of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's Social Democratic Party.

In a apparent attempt to strengthen the

hand of this faction, Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev sent a message to Schmidt outlining Moscow's recent proposals for a

road of Riyadh, which at present is under

for the construction of the railway linking

the two regions, at a cost of nearly SR1

billion. It should be ready in three years,

according to sources at the Saudi Govern-

ment Railroad Organization. Its President

Sheikh Faisal Al Shuhail has said that it will

shave off nearly 100 kilometers - one hour

traveling time — hetween the capital and Dammam which now takes five hours along

a railroad of 556 kilometers. Studies are

also underway to link the Western and Cen-

tral Regions and Jubail with Dammam by

cal industries and a new city which eventu-

ally will accommodate 300,000 people.

rail, Juhail is the site of the new petrochemi-

At the same time hids have been invited

moratorium on medium-range raissile deployment. The message was sent on the eve of Genscher's departure for Washington. Both the United States and West Germany

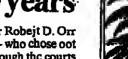
missiles targeted at Western Europe, while the U.S. deployment in Europe of '108 Pershing II and 464 ground-launched cruise missiles is not scheduled to begin 11ntil 1983. Schmidt has said he did not helieve the Soviet proposals for misslles freeze go far enough. But in a recent broadcast interview, be had said he believed the deployment of the

a background of Saturday's announcement by the West German-defense ministry that the Bonn government intends to cancel or economic problems, and Genscher is expected to offer assurances that they are not a sign of a weakened West Cierman commitment to the NATO alliance.

TEL AVIV, March 9 (R) - The Israeli

In a communique after a meeting, the cabinet charged that Saudi Arabia's hostility toward Israel was "most extreme." It said that Saudi Arabia bad called in the past for a Jihad to liberate Jerusalem and

As the cahinet met, two of Israel's own F-15s slowly made low level circles over Begin's office. The government statement said "the cahinet; endorses the opposition which the foreign minister expressed to the American administration regarding the supply of offansive weapons to Saudi Arabia. Thase weapons would endanger the security of Israel."



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have taken the position that a moratorium would only preserve the current nuclear superiority of the Soviets in Europe,
The Soviets are reported to have 200 SS20

American warheads could still be avoided. Genscher's visit also is taking, place against postpone several major defense projects. The austerity measures reflect the country's new

Israel hits F-15 sale to Saudi Arabia

cabinet Monday denounced the U.S. decision to supply weapons to Saudi Arabia as a danger to peace in the Middle East. (see related story / page 2)

occupied Arah territories from Israel.

The Reagan government has announced its intention to sell :Sidewinder missiles and extra fuel tanks for U.S.-supplied F-15 warplanes. The Israelis say the proposed sale contradicts promises of the Carter administration next to stipply offensive weapons for the F-15s.

chair in 20 years U.S.sends fourth murderer to electric

to a draft constitution published last month.

the Council of Heads of State will meet twice

a year and the council of ministers every two

months. A permanent secretariat will he

. Although the six countries have s generally

conservative, traditional Arab culture in common, Gulf government sources said

cooperation between them had been limited

hecause each jealously guarded its right to

By a Staff Writer

Minister Sheikh Hussein Mansouri Tuesday

will sign contracts for the construction of

tha Riyadh-Dammam expressway. The

contract bas heen issued in small parcels to

The 386-kilometer road is expected to

total more than SR400 million, and will

take 24 months to complete. The express-

way will have three lanes in each direction

vent stray animals from endangering traffic

movement. According to officials, the road

will reduce travel time and ease congestion

of the existing highway. It will pass via Abu

Huriya on the Gulf coast and also, the ring

The road also will have barriers to pre-

with a 20-meter wide median strip.

RIYADH, March 9 - Communications

386-km expressway

construction.

Mansouri to sign contracts

make independent decisions.

expedite construction.

based in Riyadh.

MICHIGAN CITY, Indiana, March 9 (AP) - Steven T. Judy, saying "I don't bold no grudges," walked quietly to the electric chair early Monday and was executed for murdering a young mother and ber three small chidren, department of corrections spokesman Tom Hanlon said. He said the 24-year-old murderer's last words were: "I don't hold no grudges. This is my doing, sorry it happened."

Hanlon said that just after midnight, Judy, who bad resisted efforts to avert his execution, was escorted from a holding cell at the Indiana State Prison a short distance to the freshly varnished black oak electric chair and was strapped io. "He was very calm, and walked to the chair very quietly," Hanlon said. "He walked to the chair with no help." He said Judy was first given an electrical charge of 2,300 volts for 10 seconds, then a

Under state law, warden Jack Duckworth was assigned to pull the switch that seot the lethal current through his body. Judy, white

A special telephone line was set up bet-

ween the prison and Governor Robejt D. Orr in Indianapolis in case Judy - who chose oot to fight his death sentence through the courts - changed his mind. A spokesman said the governor bad not decided what he would do in that case. "Judy is not going to changa his mind,his foster father Robert Carr, of Indianapolis, said after be, his wife and their four children visited him along with attorney Steven L. Harris. "He broke down three or four times, especially when we left, but I tried everything I know to talk him out of it," Carr said. "He really bad a hard time saying good-, hye to my kids," Mrs. Carr said. "He said I

About 200 death penalty opponents gathered outside the prison Sunday night for a prayer vigil. Mark Chasteen, whose ex-wife

was convicted of raping and strangling Terry Chasteen and drowning ber three small children in April 1979, became the fourth person executed in this country since the U.S. Supreme Court revived the death penalty in 1976, and the first executed in Indiana in 20 years. The body was released to the county Earlier, the blonde-baired, blue-eyed Judy

had bid a tearful farewell to his foster family and then ate a last meal of prime ribs and lobste tails in the bolding cell, separated by only a curtain from the electric chair. A prison barber shaved part of Judy's head and leg to make a clear connection for the electrodes, which were soaked in salt brine to maximize conductivity. Six prison officials were in charge of strapping the hlindfolded Judy into the electric chair. Eight other prison officials also were present. Judy could have had 10 friends witness the execution, but chose only his foster father and attorney.

thought I was ready for this, but I wan't."

and children were Judy's victims, came to Michigan city with a pro-capital punishment group and said that because of the "hate and bittemess' he felt for Judy, be would have liked to witness the execution, had officials

details of their plan, but reports said almost 100 staff would go on strike at the governsecond charge of 500 volts for 20 seconds. ment's communications headquarters oo Cheltenham, west of London, and at a secret tracking station in Cornwall county.

Kennedy forces to oppose arms sale

In league with U.S. Jews

Saudi Arabians contribute

SR50m to Afghan fighters

NEW YORK, March 9 (Augencies) -Democratic Sen. Edward M. Kennedy told Tewish leaders Sunday that be: and other senators will attempt to block President Ronald Reagan's plan to sell military equipment to Saudi Arabia.

On the proposed arms sale, Kennedy said in a speech before the American Jewish Conference that, "I oppose the admiristration's decision last Friday to sell advanced military equipment - with advanced offen sive capability — to a government that has sworn to destroy the state of Israel.

The Republican Reagan administration proposes to sell the Kingdom auxiliary fuel tanks and advanced models of the Sidewinder air-to-air missiles for 62 F-15 fighters already on order from the United States. The administration, said the plan was part of a larger program to expand military cooperation with Middle East nations.

A State Department press statement regarding the proposed sale said, "We have consulted closely with Congress during the past week regarding the serious deterioration in security conditions in the Middle: East/ Arabian Gulf region and the growing threat to our friends there from Soviet and other pressures. We have benefited from the Congressional views expressed and plan to continue to work closely with Congress on steps

to protect our interests in that vital region. The statement further explained that despite assurances the previous administra-

FUYADH, March 9 (SPA) — The people

of the Kingdom bave donated SR 50 million

to the freedom fighters in Afghanistan. The

money was transferred Monday after a meet-

ing of the charitable society set up the gov-

ernment for receiving donations to the Afghan Mujahideen under Prince Salman,

The society was ordered by King Khaled

shortly after the Soviet invasion and occupa-

tion of the couritry and bas been appealing for

private donations to aid the 1.500.000

refugees i'n Pakistan and the fighters againsi

The cherck was given to Secretary General

of the Organization of Islamic Conference

Habib Chatti to be forwarded to the Afghan

leadership. The decision to help the Afghans

was taken during a meeting of Islamic foreign

Prince Sal'man issued an appeal to the peo-

ple to give generously and the first check was

paid to Chatti by foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Fais al in Islamabad during the con-ference. It an nounted to SR 80 million which

ministers in Islamabad last year.

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the Sovient invasion.

tion of ex-president Jimmy Carter to Congress that he wouldn't sell the accessories, the present administration is viewing dramatic changes of circumstances in the region. "The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the turmoil of the Iranian revolution, the Iran-Iraq war and the Soviet presence in South Yemeo and Ethiopia underscore the instability in the region and the dangers of Soviet penetration and exploitation," the State Department explained.

The State Department report ~ further said that the proposals for military sales are a sign of U.S. determination that the United States will move decisively and quickly to protect its interests and those of its friends

However, Israel also is slated to receive \$600 million in additional military credits over the next two years as part of the program to thwart what the administration says is a 'growing threat' from the Soviet Union. Yet, Israel has broached new arms requests to the Pentagon in the aftermath of the announced sale of advanced equipment to Saudi Arabia

In statements showing the Kingdom's desire to bolster their military forces, Crown Prince Fand told reporters from the West German magazine Der Spiegel that Saudi Arabia is going ahead with its plans to build a strong and modern army able to defend its vast territory.

Saudi people's solidarity with the Afghan

A fatwa, or religious ruling, by Sheikb

Abdul Aziz ibn Baz, general president of the

Board of Religious Guidance, followed King

Khaled's appeal for assistant to the Afghan

freedom fighters. The ruling permitted pay-

ment of Zakat, the 2½ per cent alms tax on every Muslim's wealth, to Afghanistan Mus-

im fighters. The fatwa also deared the way

for payment of Zakat before the due time,

on your wrist.

people in their hour of need.

He said that Saudi Arabia "is free to pur-



Crown Prince Fahd chase arms from any of its friends, either the Germans, the Americans, the French, the Swedish, the British or from any European

country willing to sell what we want." The

countries are capable of protecting their security and maintaining stability in the region. Fahd said Saudi Arabia considers purchasing arms from West Germany and other friendly countries as an important matter.

crown prince also stressed that Gulf Arab For Saudi Telephone payroll Computer system turned on



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Magbreb (Sunset)	6.29	6.29	6.01	. 5.47	6.11	
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HAIL, March 9 - Saudi Telephone's Hail District Manager Eid Al Husseint hosted an inaugural dinner fo the first completely computerized personnel and payroll system used in the Kingdom, the Ministry of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones reported Monday. The dinner was attended by VIPs from Hail

and other Saudi Telephone districts. According to a PTT press statement, the new computerized payroll/personnel system, which eventually will be adopted by all Saudi Telephone districts, will create a uniform management information base on each Sandi Telephone employee. This will allow the phooe company managers to more efficiency allocate manpower resources, the report added. As a result, better service will be provided for subscribers, the statement said.

Hail District has been working over the past year to install the system. An employee master file was created, consisting of an individual record for each employee, containing all payroll and personnel data. This was processed through a computer program specifically designed for the Kingdom. At the same time, employees were trained in the field on the techniques to be used for recording all information, and new report forms were developed. For many months, the sophisticated computer system was run in parallel with the old manual approach, to ensure that aoy problem area was eliminated before the inauguration of the modern computer system, the ministry reported.

The benefits that the Kingdom will enjoy from the new system are oumerous. 'At a' glance, Hail District managers can get information on employee service records, payroll amounts, time reports and records of overtime and absences. The new system also will provide, automatically, a full account of total manpower within the district, manpower movements by district and lists of employees by contract type, In addition, all information can be accurately. The old manual operations performed by each of Saudi Telephone's 161 districts can be consolidated into one automatic operatioo, providing uniform proces-sing. Employees will be given a full accounting of their earnings, deductions, etc. For the first time, a comprehensive financial and manpower-related information base is available to managers, giving them effective con trol of their operation, the report said.

COMMENT

By Abdul Rahman Saad Al-Samari Al Jazirah

If we carefully pursue reports on car accidents, especially on the highways, we would notice that many accidents take place as a result of stray camels and donkeys. Such animals roam about the highways day and night and, to be specific, the donkey does not feelcomfortable unless it stands still on the aspbalted road. It never thinks about its fate and the fate of drivers, and consequently contiques to pose a danger to buman life.

In regard to camels, I will only say that their owners keep a watch on them and know where they are going. It may not be an exaggeration to say that they care for the camelsmore than their own children, for it fetches a fantastic price and helps them cover at least part of the cost of a de luxe villa.

The carnel, as we know, is unlike the donkey which normally has no one to care for it. The matter, therefore, necessitates upon us to think seriously whether we should let loose the camel and make it a direct cause for the loss of buman lives. So often have we heard that a few persons and, sometimes, the whole family, have died on the road as a result of their car crashing into this animal. What is still more strange is the fact that the owners of such camels go to the nearest police statioo to claim the cost of their beast. They show their concern for the dead animal's cost, but forget those people who lost their lives.

The state, on its part, bas repaired and widened the bighways for the comfort and safety of the people, but stray camels and donkeys cootinue to pose a problem that remains unabated.

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By 100 per cent Wheat output increases

RIYADH, March 9 (SPA) - Wheat production in the Kingdom increased by over 100 per cent last year, according to the Agriculture Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al Sheikh. It amounted to 120,000 tons compared with just 52,000 the previous year and a mere 18,000 tons the year before that.

Dr. Sheikh attributed the dramatic increase to generous government aid to the farmers, subsidies on farm equipment which amount to 50 per cent of the cost and the ministry's program to cultivate more land by providing water, seeds and other assistance. "In this way we have encouraged more people to attend to farming and increased the output of foodstuffs," he said.

Dr. Sbeikh said that the capital will soon begin to receive buge quantities of water from the Wasei wells and the desalination plants which will process water pumped all the way from the Gulf, in the Eastern Region. In ten months, experimental pumping will commence, he said, and eventually supply 63,000 cubic meters of water a day in addition to the present amount. The desalination plant is already 50 per cent complete, he added, ano should be ready to pump water in 16 to 18

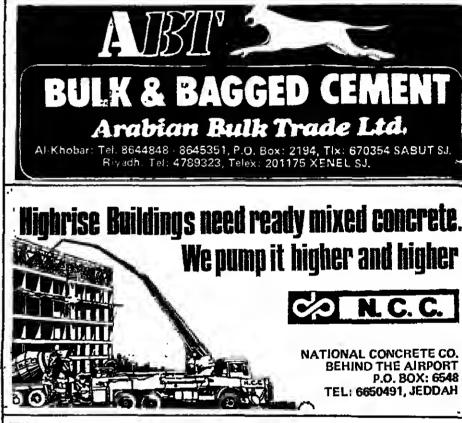
months.
Earlier, Arab News reported that the Eastern Province branch of the Agriculture Development Bank granted 1,126 loans that totaled SR138 million during the past nine months. Abdul Aziz Abdullah Al-Uwaifeer, the agricultural bank's Hofuf branch director, said the Hofuf branch alone bas issued 760 loans that totaled SR54 million during the period. The loans were granted to 710 farmers, 31 beduins, nine poultry farm owners, four leases for agricultural machinery, three fishermen and a nursery farm project.



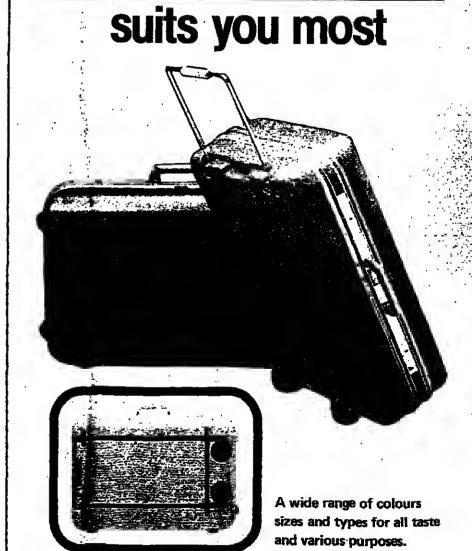
Dr. Abdul Rahmai

The branch also granted financial assistance to farmers and poultry farm owners that amounted to SR16 million. About SR13 million was allocated for poultry farmers, issued monthly in the form of fodder. The bank's loans during the nine months covered 5,780 donums of utilized land and 17,000 of unutilized land.

In addition, Sami Labban, manager of the agriculture assistance program of the Arabian-American Oil Company (ARAMCO) said that farmers in the Kingdom may be producing enough crops within the next five years to enable Saudi Arabia to be self-sufficient in fresh vegetables yearround. He said that with continued development of a network of communications, marketing and cold storage facilities and of controlled environment farming in greenbouses. Saudi Arabia could replace imports of fresh vegetables during non-growing seasons by



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China construction firm Akihito expresses thanks envisions major contracts

By Farouk Luquan JEDDAH, March 9 - The Ret-Ser Engineering Company of the Republic of China expects to win road building contracts worth more than SR1,500 million this year, according to its President H.C.

Yen who is making one of his periodic visits to the Kingdom. Yen said roads will be built in the Southern Region where his company is already engaged in one of the most arduous engineering tasks in the world -- the shaar Descent Road in Asir. The road

descends from 2,000 to 800 meters

through a 14 kilometer gradient, making it

one of the most challenging road-building jobs anywhere. Before starting work the company bad to recruit professional mountain climbers from Kuwalien Province in south Taiwan in order to do the preparatory work and



H.C. Yen

Ret-Ser, formed in 1956, is already the largest company in Taiwan and is engaged in a variety of jobs at bome and in other countries with its order book filled with contracts as diverse as roads and nuclear plants. Here it is building the naval base in Jeddah at a cost of nearly SR1 billion, its largest so far.

Altogether the company has done more than SR3.3 billion worth of business since it arrived in 1972 and sponsored by Alireza. It will soon branch out into industry by joining Binladen in a marble-making joint venture which will call for quarrying and using the marble for construction

With a staff of more than 3,000 in the country the company has undertaken a variety of jobs including participation in the ambitious Asir national park, a favorite plan of Asir Governor Prince Khaled Al Faisal who wants to develop the area into a summer resort and major national tourist attraction for the families whn prefor to go abroad during their bolidays.

We have done rather well," Yen said "because we are dedicated and make no problems for those who work with us."

Sudanese ambassador to leave Kingdom soon

RIYADH, March 9 (SPA) — The Sudanese ambassadnrhere, Alfateh Bishara, will be leaving the Kingdom soon to take up his new job as governor of the Karadavan region in his country. He was also made vice-president and bas become one of the top six men in the

In a farewell statement he said that Saudi Arahian-Sudanese relations have prospered during the last four years which be spent in the Kingdom. Economic, cultural, commercial and military relations have been developed under the guidance of King Khaled and President Numeiri.

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Prince Akihito

TOKYO, March 9 — Japan's Crown Prince Alcihito said Monday he was deeply impressed by the dedication and keen interest in the progress and welfare of the country and its people by the leadership of the King-

In remarks made upon his return to Japan after visiting Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Singapore, the crown prince expressed deep appreciation for Japan being. regarded favo rably by the Kingdom . He also said that he hopes his visit will further deepen the relations between Japan and the countries he toured.

The crown prince's visit was the first by Japanese royalty to the Kingdom. In 1971 King Faisal ibn Abdul Aziz visited Japan and that visit prompted Japan's interest in the Kingdom. It was in the 1960s that Japan's Chiyoda Chemical Engineering company presented the masterplan for the utilization of natural gas, which was accepted by the Kingdom.

Youth Welfare president returns RIYADH, March 9 (SPA) — Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, president of the Youth Welfare Organization, returned bere from Paris Sunday evening where he opened last Tuesday the First Joint Gulf Cultural Week on behalf of Gulf youth and sports ministers. Prince Faisal was met at the airport by Riyadh Governor Prince Salman; Prince Fahd ibn Sultan ibn Abdul Aziz, labor undersecretary for social welfare; and a number of officials from the Ynnth Welfare Organization.

Tunisia beats Kingdom RIYADH, March 9 (SPA) - The Tunisian team beat the Saudi team 2-1 Sunday in the cordial soccer match played at the Youth Welfare Stadium here. Saud Jassem scored Saudi Arabia's only goal at the 21st minute of the first half-time. The two Tunisian goals came during the second half-time. Saudi Arabia beat Oman 4-0 last Monday, It also beat Morocco 1-0 on Thursday. The matches are elimination contests for the world cup finals scheduled in Riyadh on March 18.

Rains fall RIYADH, March 9 (SPA) - Heavy rain fell on most parts of Saudi Arabia during the past few days. It rained over Taif and Bani Malek, Bani Saad, Thamala and Haysan which had not been irrigated for the past 13 years. It also rained beavily on Al-Holwa at Hawtat Bani Tamim last Thursday. Raimin Saudi Arabia is seen as a sign of hlessing from the sky. When it does not rain for sometime, the King orders Istisqa or rain-seeking prayers throughout the Kingdom where the believers seek God's hlessings and for-

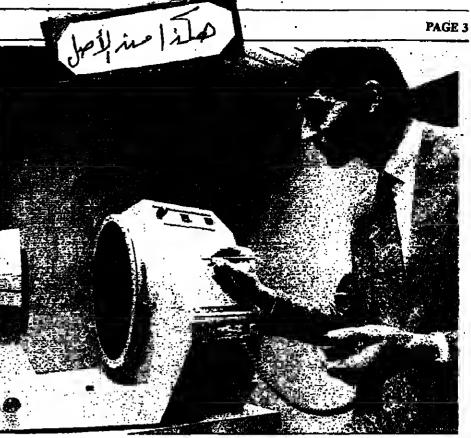
Zaki Yamani in Babrain MANAMA, March 9 (SPA) - Sheikh

Ahmad Zaki Yamani, the minister of petroleum and mineral resources, arrived here Sunday evening on a one-day visit for the opening, Monday, of the second Petroleum Exhibition and Conference in the Middle East. In an arrival statement he said that the Gulf Cooperation Council will belp increase financial cooperation among its members. He added that there were endless vistas for such cooperation. "Our duty," he said, "is to widen its scope either through the council or by other means." Gulf cooperation, at present, be went on, is confined to bilateral relations and the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Donations to refuge ISLAMABAD, March 9 (SPA) - The Mecca-hased Muslim World League Sunday gave a large quantity of medicine, tents and foodstuffs to Afghan refugees. The gift was handed to Professor Abdul Rasoul Siaf, the head of the Islamic Alliance for the Liberation of Afghanis-

British Chamber in Riyadh RIYADH, March 9 (SPA) - A delegation from the Arab-British Chamber of Commerce led by Richard Beaumont, the chamber's board chairman, arrived here from Taif Sunday as part of its visit to the Kingdom. Members of the mission hadtalks during the past two days with members of the Taif and Jeddah chambers. Qasim projects inspected

QASIM, March 9 (SPA) - Finnish Industry and Trade Minister Ulf Sundqvist arrived here Sunday to inspect industrial and agricultural projects in the area. He was accompanied by Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi; and the Finnish ambassador to Saudi Arabia.



VISUAL EXPERIENCE: Jonathan P. Terry uses a Friedmann Mk2 visual field analyzer - designed for the rapid and reliable detection of central visual defects - to examine a patient. The equipment, which can be operated by an assistant to produce information for interpretation by consultants or practitioners, will be introduced in Saudi Arabia when Terry visits as a member of the British Health-Care Export Council 's trade mission from 20 March to 2 April.

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Arab independence highlighted

Mideast oil show opens in Bahrain

By Aly Mahmoud

MANAMA, Bahrain, March 9 (AP) -The ruler of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, inaugurated the Mideast Oil show here Monday, featuring the start of a decade-long bid to switch from reliance on foreign to Arab expertise and homegrown

Attending the ceremony were oil ministers Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani of Saudi Ambia, Said Al-Shanfari of Oman, and leading executives of Arab and Western oil com-

Addressing the inaugural ceremony at the oil show here, Bahrain's minister of industry and development, Youssef Shirawi, said the 50-year-old Gulf oil industry has only during the last decade witnessed a phased switch to self-reliance, after four decades of total dependence on foreign companies.

Only the last 10 years have seen the real beginnings of an Arab oil industry whereby the means of production, the facilities and the organization involved, have been properly taken over by those to whom this vital resource truly belongs," said Shirawi, "The real challenge is the one we have begun to face and shall continue to face during the coming 50 years — the development of our production and its secondary and tertiary stages of recovery of technology, so that we can enhance resources and get better use of

the associate gas." Shirawi urged Arab produces to use oil and gas for the development of indigenous petrochemical, fertilizer and food iodustries.

"Our need from this (oil) industry is not limited to drawing revenues, but far more the creation of a trained and sophisticated workforce who can use the new technology to broaden our industrial base for the next 100 years," he said.

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Sheikb Ahmed Zaki Yamani

Shirawi keynoted the need for closer cooperation with the industrialized nations of the West in the domaios of technology and

The four-day exhibition, he said, was to be coupled with a conference and seminars wherein Arab and foreign experts were to discuss questions of prospecting, refining and

Officials said the top 20 companies of the international oil industry were taking part in the exhibition and seminar, with a group of speakers from universities, oil companies and contractor firms delivering research papers.

Zaki Yamani arrived Sunday for a one-day visit to inaugurate Bahrain's exhibition. Yamani told the Gulf news agency he was to

hold oil cooperation talks with Shirawi. The talks, he said, will upgrade coordina-

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tion between the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council. He did not elaborate.

Aspects of the planned cooperation also were to be a continuation of existing links between the Gulf nations that are members of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC), the Arab version of OPEC.

Bahrain depends on Saudi Arabia for much of the financil assistance needed to develop local industries which along with a thriving banking sector and ever-expanding tourism, are the mainstay of the country's economy in the post-oil era.

Bahrain, once one of the Gulf states main oil producers, is now practically without oilproducing erude oil at a daily average rate of 50,000 barrels.

Saudi Arabia supplies most of the crude oil that keep Bahrain's refineries in business. The Saudi A rabian government also was to finance the \$1.2-billion-causeway that will link Bahrain to mainland Saudi Arabia, with

the promise of broad trade exchange and

tourist boom for Bahrain. Sony pioneer visits Kingdom

JEDDAH, March 9 - Masaru Ibuka, chairman and chief executive officer of Sony Corporation is on a five-day visit to the Kingdom to attend the Round Table Conference on Economic and Industrial Development, according to a Sony press statement Monday. The conference currently is being held in

Ibuka also will visit the Sony Language Laboratory factory in Jeddah. Ibuka is a scientist whose pioneering work led to the development of the transistor, which revolutionized the electronic industry.

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Document gives rules for Arab investment

By Munic Muhammad

JEDDAH, March 9 - A royal decree published bere Monday promulgated a ministerial decision on a unified capital investment agreement in 21 Arab countries. The agreement was approved by the Arab summit meeting bold in Amman (Jordan) last November after amendments introduced by Saudi Arabia. It calls for a role to be played by the private sector in inter-Arab development. Following is the unofficial translation of the statutes of the

The Council of Ministers Decree No. 52 dated 6/3/ 1401 H, 12/1/1981

The Council of Ministers, after reviewing a transaction enclosed to Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Aba Al-Khail's letter no. 24/553 of 20/2/1401 H (27/12/1980) that included the Arab unified capital investment in Arab countries, which approved by the 11th Arab Summit conference in Amman in last November, and presented by his excellency for ratification.
The following was decided: 1 — Ratification of the agreement of the unified Arab Capital investment in Arab countries as per the enclosed draft, 2 -Issuing a royal decree to the effect.
The Second Deputy Premier

The Agreement on Unified Arab Capital Investment in Arab Countries.

The number states of the Arab League: In order to achieve the objectives of the Arab League charter, the joint defense treaty and economic cooperation among the member state; and the collective principles of the joint Arab nomic strategy agreements and the resolutions

of the Arab League Economie Council.
With the aim of enhancing comprehensive Arab development and economie integration;

Believing that investment among Arab countries occupies a basic field in the joint Arab economie strategy, and could be organized by filling in productive factors to support joint development based on mutual benefits and common interests;

Realizing that providing a suitable atmosphere for the movement of Arab economie resources in joint Arab investment requires drawing legal investment principles in the context of a clear regulations policy, unified and stable, would facilitates the move of Arab capitals and invest it is Arab countries which serves development, liberalization and progress in these countries which will improve the living standards of their citizens;

Aware that the possible limit for such a policy lies in guidance toward a form of Arab economie citizenship that has common benefits by the investor should be treated, whatever his nationality is, under the rules of any country that apply to its citizens, and state the freedom of movement of Arab capital inside Arab countries and to be protected by guarantees against non-commercial dangers and by a special legislative system, in addition to the privileges and facilities granted by the country hosting the investment in the context of its

national sovereignty:
Wishing to implement these principles directly in
the member states without interfering in natural

reflection as an international commitment. Considering the rules mentioned in this agreement as a minimum limit in dealing with Arab capitals and investments which should not be reduced in the structure of the joint Arabe conomie strategy or bilateral cooperation level or the national legislatory rules;

Have approved this agreement and its supplement, which is considered an unseparable part of the agreement, and declared their readiness to implement it totally affirming their desire to exert their utmost efforts to achieve its objectives and

Aerticle (1)

The words and phrases used in the agreement are defined as follows, unless the flow of the draft indicates otherwise:

1. - The Agreement; is the unified agreement for investment of Arab capitals in Arah countries signed by Arab league member states which are parties to the agreement.

- Arab countries are the member states of the Arab League.

3— The Party country is the Arab country to

4- The Arab citizen is a oatural and legal citizen and enjoys a oationality in a country which is party to the agreement, provided that there would be no share in the capital belonging to a non-Arab in a direct or indirect way, and is considered inside the definition of the joint Arab project which should be fully owned by Arab citizens in case that the person should not have a nationality in another

5— Foreign capital is the money owned by an Arab citizen and includes everything that could be evaluated in money of natural and legal rights, including bank deposits and financial investment, Interests accrued from Arab funds is considered Arab money, Also shares that comply to this definition are considered Arab money.

6— Arab Investment Capital is when the Arab

capital is ued in one of the economic development fields with the aim of achieving interests in a member country apart from the country of the investor's nationality.

·7- Arab investor is an Arab citizen who owns Arab capital and invests it in a member country of whom he is not a nariooal,

8- The Council is the Economic Council established under the Article (8) of the Joint Defense Treaty and the Economie Cooperation agreement among Arab League member states approved by the league's council on 13/4/1950, or any further adjustments to the article.

9- The Central Party is the party referred to in Article (37) of this agreement.

10— The Couchis the Arab Investment Court.

SECTION ONE - GENERAL RULES Article (2)

The countries party to this agreement allow, in the context of their rules, the movement of Arab capital among them freely, and they encourage and facilitate its investment. That is according to the plans and programs of economic development in the party countries which profits the host country and the investor. They guarantee to protect the investor and preserve the investor's investment, interests, rights and provide legislative rules' slabil-

Article (3)

1- The regulations of this agreement state the

minimal limit for treating investors.

2— In the light of the minimal limit, priority in implementation will be for the regulations of the agreement in that it contradicts with the regulations and policies of the member states.

Article (4)

The regulations of the agreement are derived and interpreted according to the principles on which it is based and the objectives it serves; then to the joint principles of the Arab League member states' legislations; then to the principles of recognized international rules.

SECTION TWO
TREATMENT OF THE ARAB INVESTOR

Article (5)

The Arab investor enjoys tha right to invest in any region of the member state in fields not prohibited to the cirizens of that country and not restricted to themonly. This adheres to the ownership percentage stated by the rules of the con-cerned country. The Arab investor also enjoys required guarantees and facilities according to the regulations of this agreement.

Article (6)

1- In accordance to the rules of the previous article, Arab capital investment in a member state is treated equally as the capital owned by outionals of the concerned country, and eventually gets equal legal treatment regarding rights, commit-ments, principles and formalities. This does not include any additional privileges which may be

granted by the member state to Arab investment.

2— The Arab investor has the right to choose any other treatment stated by the general rules of the country where the investment is employed according to the rules or an international agreement given to non-Arab investor in a similar field. That does not imply special privileges granted by the host country for a specific project because of its special importance to that country.

Article (7)

1- The Arab investor enjoys the freedom of transferring Arab capital to any region in a member country, and the freedom of regular transfer of benefits. The investor can transfer the capital to any other member state after fulfilling the due commitments and without adhering to any monetary, administrative or legal restrictions and without application of tex or fees on transfer. This does not

include banking service fees.

2— The original capital can be retransferred after the period of the end of the investment according to its nature, or five years from the date of transfer which ever comes first.

The rules of this article do not apply to measures undertaken by a member state to ensure remit-

tance of its citizens' money abroad. Article (8)

1- The Amb investor bas the right to dispense

his investment as allowed by the nature of the investment and the limits given to citizens of the country where the investment is made. 2— The Arab investor does not adhere to any

restrictions or any discriminating administrative or legal regarding monetary and foreign transfer con-

3- Treatment of the investment should continue according to the rules of this agreement as

long as the required conditions are fulfilled le) Abstention from the implementation of a valid judicial order having a direct bearing on the investment. (d) Causes in any other way, by act or by abs.

tention, damage to the Arab investor by violating the legal provisions in force in the state where nt is made. (2) The cost of compensation shall be equal to

the damage sustained by the Arab investor and in pursuance to the type and volume of the damage.

Article 11

(1) The compensation shall be in cash d investment becomes impossible before the occurrence of

(2) The cash compensation shall be assessed within six months from the day of damage, and shall be assessed within six months from the day of damage, and shall be paid within a year from the date of agreement on the amount of compensation otherwise the investor shall be entitled to delayer interests on the unpaid amount with effect from the day following the expiry of the period and in according with the rate of banking interest prevail-

Article 12

ing in the state where investment takes place.

The Arab investor with the members of his family shall enjoy the right to entry, stay, movement and departure without let and bindrance in the state in which the investment takes place, and ac conditions shall be imposed on this right without a judicial order and taking into consideration th provisions of.

Article 39

The workers in the investment and their families shall enjoy the facilities of entry, stay and depart Article 13

The state shall facilitate to the Arab investor in

the procurement of Arab manpower as well as Arab and foreign expertise. In case the desired professional capabilities are available, employ-ment preference shall be given to the citizens of the state where investment is made, and then to other Arab workers and expertise from othe Article 14

(1) In the different fields of activity, the Ara investor shall adhere to the maximum amount coordination with the state where investment made, and with its different organizations an machineries. He shall respect the rules and regul; tions in conformity with the provisions of the agreement. In the establishment of Arab inves ment projects and their management an development according to the state's economic development program, be shall make it obligator to do everything which consolidates the project structure and reinforces Arab economic integri tion. In the realization of this, he shall abstain from

everything which would tend to disturb the gener order and norm and to obtain illegitimate gains (2) The Arabinvestor shall bear the responsib ity of disturbing the committments contained in the above clause, in accordance with the law in force! the state of investment or where this breach take

Article 15

In consideration of the rights envisaged by thi agreement, the Arab investors shall be subject the obligations to which the citizens of the invesment state are bound, in accordance with the provsions of the law in force in that country.

Chapter III

Preferred Treatment.

Article 16

The state concerned shall determine the add tional privilege of Arab investment, in excess of t minimum limit envisage by this agreement.'
granting the preferred privileges, it will special
take into consideration the following: - The importance of the project in regard to the

future development of national economy;

— The Arab joint ventures; - The proportion of Arab assistance in the management of the project; - The extent of Arab capability on the techn

ogy employed; creation of Arab domination over managemen

and technology employed;

— Creation of the opportunities of work for the citizens of the host state and other Arabs, an participation in the capital of the investment state

The sector in which the investment falls.

Furthermore, the investment concerned sha determine the preferred treatment in accordance with the previous considerations of Arab investment projects essentially owned by Arab citizen:

Article 17

The privileges determined for the preferred project shall be recorded in a statement to be sent b the central authority in the state of the project the council, explaining the extent of the privilege in regard to time and place.

Chapter IV

Supervision of the agreement's implementation Article 18

The council whall undertake supervision of the. implementation of the provisions of this agree-

ment. In this, it will have to: 1. Interpret the texts of the agreement 2. To issue, amend and annul the rules and neasures for the implementation of the provision

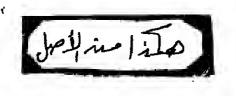
of the agreement, 3. To suggest amendment of the rules, provision:

and measures connected with the investment in the state concerned, in order to help implement the provisions and purposes of the agreement, 4. To collect and coordinate reports, data statements legislations, rules and statistics con-

nected with the investment, and the sectors open for investment as well as their conditions in the states concerned, after their obtainment from the proper anthorities. They shall be placed at the disposal of the Arab capitalists with a view tri encouraging and belping them to invest in Arab

5. To help in the creation of orders and establishments which facilitate or encourage the realization of the sims of the agreement, including the consultative and executive machinery and the regulations for the collection of financial and human resources and directing them in a balanced manner toward developmental investment inside the Arab

(To be continued tomorrow).

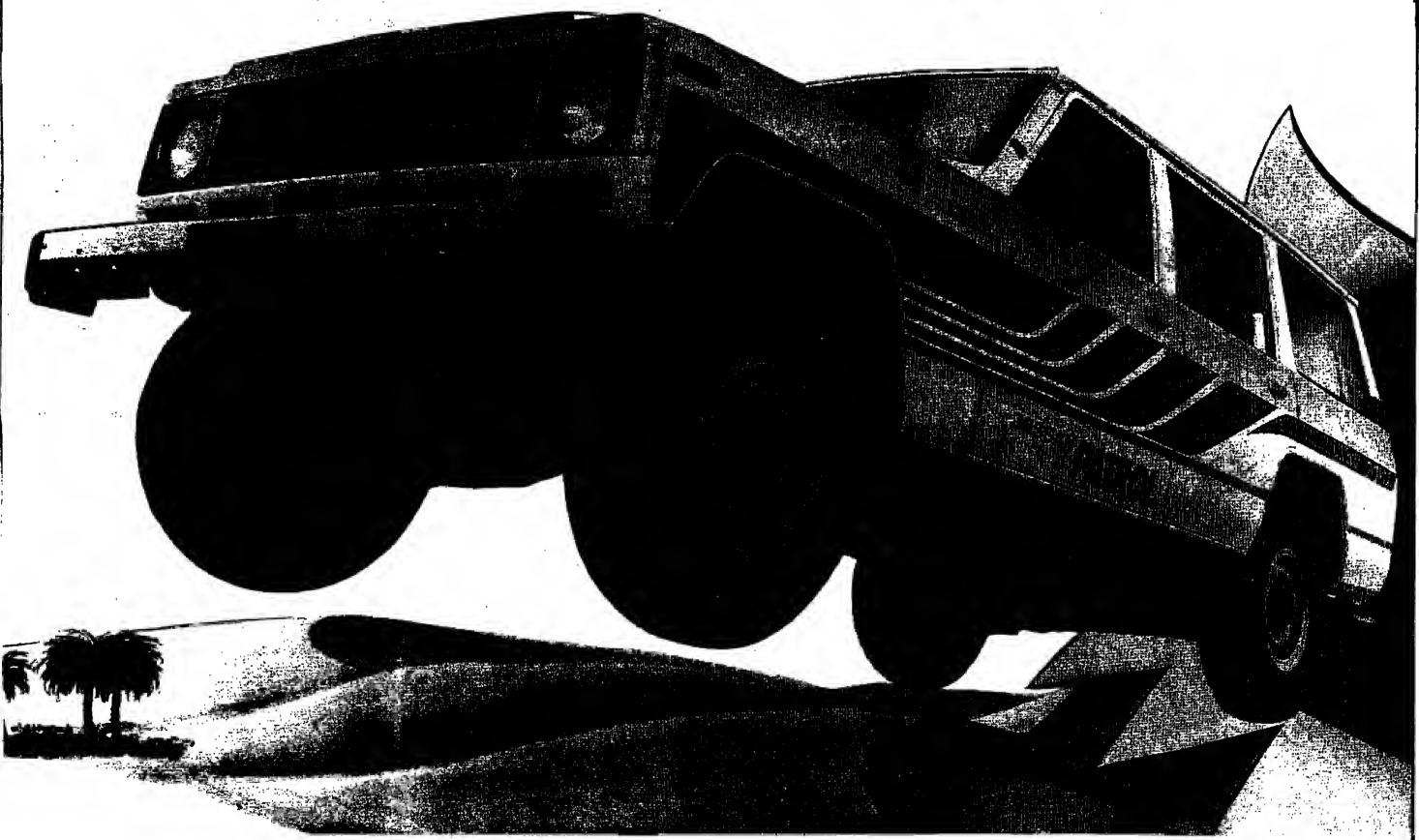


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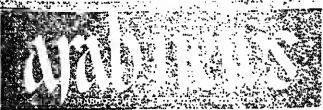


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PALESTINIAN PROGRESS

The international progress of the Palestinian cause goes unabated. The Palestinian flag flies for the first time over while the Japanese government considers ext an official invitation to Yasser Arafat, chairman of the PLO. to visit the country. Farouk Kaddoumi, the head of the PLO's Political Department, goes to Austria to confer with Chancelfor Bruno Kreisky on the latest developments in the stalled autonomy talks as well as on the still awaited European initia-

Yet whatever the rest of the world might think about the rights of the Palestinians, and the legitimacy of the PLO as their sole representative, the Israelis press on remorselessly with their expansionist plans. Their actions having no base on morality or international legality, the only justification they can give is that of the "accomplished fact," the brazen piling of theft on theft, of violation upon violation, in the hope that the original, historic crime they committed against the Palestinian people is covered. This process is accelerating now, as the regime of Begin collapses. The Israelis want to maximize their gains so that the new Labor administration can pose as "moderate" - not a hard stance to take with the theft already

The latest instance of this is the attempt to grant civic status to three illegal settlements on the West Bank, all chosen for their strategic importance. The move is intended to "normalize" and shed a veneer of legality over such blatant acts of theft. The wider aim is to place a further obstacle in the face of any solution based on the return of the territories occupied in

U.S. State Secretary Alexander Heig is to visit Israel in a few weeks' time and there is no doubt the Israeli move was timed to face him with this "accomplished fact." Will he simply take it in his stride, allowing U.S. policy to be drawn in Israel as so often in the past? Or will he come out clearly



Does Brezhnev really want to talk peace?

By Mark Frankland

MOSCOW -President Brezhnev's speech to the Soviet Communist Party congress last month was as clear an offer of conciliation as the West is likely to get from Moscow. Its tone was all the more remarkable given the bad tempered state of East-West relations. For example. President Reagan's taunts about Soviet lying and cheating underliably got deep under Rus-sian skins but it was as though Brezhnev had not

heard a word about it. Is the conciliatory tone just a ruse to put a firehreathing Reagan administration in a had light, not least with hesitant West European allies? Or is it a real attempt to restore some stability to East-West relations? There is general agreement here that the latter is closest to the truth. Western diplomats seem agreed on this, though they I may disagree about how far the Soviet Union is prepared to go.

Informed Russians argue persuasively that this is not just propaganda shot. Most convincing of all is the speech itself, in the context of the obvious problems facing the Soviet Union at home and abroad. It is arguable that the Soviet leaders do not really know bow to get out of the impasse in East-West

relations but it is surely clear that they would like to.
The offer of a Brezhnev-Reagan summit was the most obvious way to signal this. There is no reason to suppose that the Russians think this could or should happen soon. One very well informed Russian remarked that Ronald Reagan needed time to settle in: the Russians are great believers in the sobering effects of the exercise of power. But there was something else of significance in

the summit offer. No one this time has raised any doubts about Brezhnev's health being up to such a meeting. The Soviet authorities badly mismanaged the business of his speech by failing to warn that it would not be televised live. This naturally provoked speculation about his strength.

In fact, Brezhnev managed to read a shortened version of the speech lasting three hours and 40 minutes, compared to the five-and-a-half hours he spoke for at the 1976 congress. Not a had achievement and one which confirms the judgment of diplomats here that after a period of poor health he has recovered a good deal of his powers. Of his political health there is no doubt at all. Speakers at the congress paid the most fulsome tributes to him, not least as "a brave and steadfast fighter for peace."

The importance of this for East-West relations is simple. Brezhnev has become personally identified with the policy of detente. Again and again over the past 10 years it has been restated in the most authoritative documents of Soviet Party and state. There is little doubt that Brezhnev will pursue it as long as he has the strength. To abandon it would be shattering, not least to Soviet public opinion, which

is always agitated by sings of East-West crisis. The question now is what moves does Moscow have in mind for improving relations with America. The speech suggested two, one openly, the other only hinted at, although perhaps it is the most important. The Soviet Union openly signaled its eagerness to renew discussions with America on the strategic relationship, even stressing that negotiations could lead to a mutual cuthack in Euro-

The unexpectedness of some of Brezhnev's

proposals, notably the readiness to open all of European Russia to confidence-building measures, has drawn attention away from the second and more tacit Soviet message, which was conveyed chiefly by the tone and balance of the Brezinev

Well-informed Russians have confirmed that here the Soviet leadership did want to signal to the West that it realizes that its interests as a superpower have to be balanced against its enthusiasm for world revolutionary movements. Thus there was no praise for Cuba as the adjutant of revolution in Africa; no definition of detente as a "specific form of the class struggle," and scant reference to the turbulent state of Latin America.

The point is that the Russianshave hecome aware of the possible contradictions between their interests as a superpower and their interests as a selfproclaimed revolutionary power. As one know-ledgeable Russian put it: "The one has to be bal-anced against the other." This does not mean, the same Russian added, that Moscow is ready to agree on a general code of international behavior. That, one is told, is unrealistic. But it does allow that there arc "limits" (the same Russian's word) in the Soviet-American struggle for world influence, limits which can only be worked out as the need

What this adds up to is a Soviet readiness at least to address the main American charge agaisnt Moscow: that the Soviet Union is trying to get the best of both worlds in detente by tying America down militarily while extending its own influence throughout the world by aiding revolution with Soviet arms and advisers and Cuban troops.

Mrs. Thatcher calls for U.S. caution in Gulf By Patrick Seale

Premier Margaret Thatcher and her Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington appear to have made a considerable dent in America's Middle East policy in their talk in Washington last month. They are understood to have challenged American positions on two points:

First, they argued that the security of the Gulf could not be separated from a solution to the Palestine problem. This contrasted with the Reagan administration's view that the Arab-Israeli conflict was essentially a side issue which could be "cooled" while regional defense against the Soviet Union were build up.

Second, the British visitors sought to dissuade the United States from its apparent strategy of seeking to put bases and troops into the Middle East, arguing that these would simply serve to destabilize it. In their view, the existing over-the-horizon naval presence, backed up by early warning AWAC aircraft and America's Rapid Deployment Force, provide sufficient protection.

The British trump card in Washington was that these arguments had the support not only of the European Community, but more significantly, of the people most directly concerned, the Gulf Arahs. Without fanfare but as a result of intensive dip-

lomacy. Britain has, over the last year, regained much of the political influence in the Gulf which it lost by its withdrawal 10 years ago. Some observers consider this achievement as second only in importance to the Zimbabwe settlement and certain to boost Britain's prestige and the weight of its counsels in Washington,

From London's point of view, the wooing of the Gulf states has been largely mouvailed by commercial consideration. But the crucial element in the success of the wooing was that the Arab partners were no less keen to re-establish intimacy. Their motive mixes fear of the effects of an assenive American strategy with the belief that Britain can restrain America's wilder impulses.

The news, from Egyptian sources, that Secretary of State Alexander Haig is to visit Egypt, Israet, Saudi Arabia and Jordan in early April may be seen as evidence of the high priority attached to the Middle East and the need Washington feels to rethink policies which have aroused hostitity and apprehension. For more than any other European country. Bn-

tain is a natural ally for the Gulf states. After more than a century of primacy in the area, Britain withdrew voluntarily in 1971. Now it is back but on strictly non-colonial terms. It is not too much to say that Mrs. Thatcher's government believes the 1971 pullout to have been a mistake. The husy two-way traffic of political leaders over

the past months, due to culminate in Mrs. Thatcher's own visit to the Gulf in April, has brought about what might be termed a "mentor"

British and Arab arguments are evidently being taken to heart in Washington. Western diplomats report that, after early American hostility to the European initiative (which essentially involves Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories, Palestinian self-determination, and a role for the PLO), the seven-week old administration is at least now prepared to keep an open mind oo it.

This is bound to encourage Lord Carrington to press on with the initiative when Britain takes over the presidency of the EEC next July. — (ONS)

Giscard under pressure to act on death penalty

By Paul Webster

Seven men are awaiting the guillotine in French prisons knowing their lives depend on political maneuvering during the presidential election campaign. President Giscard, who has announced his candidature for the potl on April 26, is under pressure to hasten judicial procedures and confirm

executions to underline a law and order campaign. With two-thirds of French people in favor of capital punishment (according to opinion polls), anti-abolitionists feel the president should respond to the popular wave of feeling in which seven men have heen condemned to death by randomly selected juries — who decide sentences as well as verdicts - in four months.

Between 1976 and 1977, the president refused to pardon three men during a national outcry overkidnappings and child murders. Anti-abolitionists, who are strongly supported by the Justice Minister, Alain Peyrefitte, believe they have an even stronger case now. On the same day as a Paris suburban jury last month sentenced a man to death for one of the most horrifying series of rapes and killings since the war, a woman abolitionist lawyer was accused by police of giving a gun to a death cell prisoner who wounded a warder trying to shoot his way out of

The state prosecutor had told the trial jury that the multiple murderer, who sbot a father in front of his children before killing the mother, was "not worthy of heing called human" and that his crimes, including another murder and a series of rapes and attacks, "exploded all theories about capital pnnishment." By coincidence, the same suburb, Creteil, was the center of the investigation into the attempted escape by Philippe Maurice, 25, who was awaiting the guillotine for shooting a policeman and a night-watchman.

Peyrefitte, who has a strong influence on the president, has blocked any attempt hyparliament to debate capital punishment, which has not been reviewed since 1911. Now as a result of a child murder, he is breaking his own curb on public dis-

Police associations, whose members stood and applauded when Maurice was sentenced to death. have also threatened to take the law into their own hands after an unprecedented series of police murders. An organization called Honor for the Police has already claimed two revenge killings.

The 1976-77 series of death sentences - France is the only country in Europe to maintain capital punishment - showed that the president has the power to hurry judicial procedures. He intervened then to say there would be no mercy for killers of children or old people. A similar act this time would reassure a large part of the electorate, which supports a series of repressive government measures that have helped to double the prison population to about 60,000 in President Giscard's seven years in

Saudi Arabian Press

Newspapers mostly led with the conferences of hoped the conference of Gulf Arab information foreign and information ministers of the Arab Gulf states which began in Oman's capital Muscat Monday. Okaz led with report in which it predicted a. destructive war on the borders of Iraq and tran in the near future, while Al Wedina reported in a lead story that a high-powered Palestinian delegation would soon visit Tehran and Baghdad to pursue efforts of the Islamic goodwill committee in settling

the dispute between Iraq and Iran. In a front page story, newspapers reported that the commission for the receipt of donations for Afghan revolutionaries met under the chairmanship of Riyadh Governor Prince Salman and decided to transfer SR50 million to Afghan revolutionaries through the Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC). Al Jazirah gave page one coverage to a story on the hijacked Pakistam airliner which left Kebul nieport late Sunday for an undisclosed destination, 47 Medina reported on its front page that King Khaied will open leddah's new general hospital next month, and Medina Governor Prince Abdul Mohsin will open the desalination plant in Yanbu late this month.

Newspapers generally devoted their editorials to commenting on the Gulf affairs, saying that the Gulf region is at the threshold of a great resurgence in all spheres. They said the drafting of the statute for the Gulf Configuration Council in the close of

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ministers would be successful in its historic mission. Al Jazirah said in an editorial that resolutions of

the Gulf Arah foreign ministers now meeting in Muscai would be of great significance to the future of Gulf cooperation. It added that the foreign ministers and other experts have exerted honest efforts in the creation of the cooperation council which, it said, would not have an isolationist tendency but would symbolize the hopes and aspirations of the Arab world. In order to realize this aim, there has to be a close identity of views among the Arab states so they can have complete unity and solidarity and can amerge as a world force of considerable importance working for the progress and prosperity of the world as a whole.

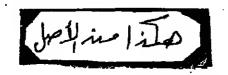
Dealing with the ministerial meetings being held in Muscat, Al Riyadh asserted that the feeling of anity was deep-scated in the heart of every Arab. cutizen. It said that social and international circumstances necessitate the reinforcement of unity, since divergent views and opinions do not help in producing solid and urgent resolutions. Highlighting the joint ventures among the Arab states of the Gulf. the paper said the governments of the region have ensured a system of free economy and that the leaders of the Gulf states know for sure that economic integration would not come in the way of the faith and customs and traditions of the region. The maper reiterated that coordination and coopernor are matters of extreme necessity for the Arah

On the same subject, Al Bilad noted that the great awakening in the Gulf, which has been capped by the formation of a Gulf Cooperation Council, provide positive indications that the region is going to play a significant role at the world levet. Its role would not only be confined to help the world with its natural and economic resources but would further extend to enrich the world with its culture, heritage and knowledge. The paper referred to the Gulf Arub information ministers' meeting in Muscat and hoped that it would provide a strong spur in giving prominence to the fruitful role of the Gulf Arab states in the sphere of information.

Okaz described the Muscat meetings as an extension to the march on the road to welfare and progress begun by the Arab foreign ministers of the Gulf in Riyadh, which had culminated in the creation of the Gulf Cooperation Council. The paper said that the council is in harmony with the needs of the Gulf region which has to remain strongly united to be able to confront all challenges and ambitious designs of the enemies.

Al Nadwa observed that the positive steps being taken through the meetings of the Gulf Arab Ministers provide a clear indication that the region has embarked on a new stage in the history of its march toward unity and progress. The paper called upon the major powers to understand that the peoples of the Gulf region are an integral part of the Arab world with similar bopes and aspirations and are, keen to keep aloof from superpower conflicts.





Guides and Brownies renew pledge

'Thinking Day' celebrated in town

By Kathy Lund

JEDDAH - The power of combined thought was seen when Brownies and Guides celebrated their annual "Thinking Day" recently here. Its aim: to think of their fellow Guides throughout the world as a gesture toward international understanding.

"Thinking Day" is a way of commemorating the birthdays of the founders of the Boy Scout and Girl Guide, the late Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. By coincidence both celebrated their birthdays on Feb. 22. "Thinking Day" is thus celebrated by Guides throughout the world on the most suitable day nearest in that date. Boy Scouts similarly hold what they refer to as "Founder's Day".

The 700 or so Guides and Brownies in Jeddah had a special and honored guest the Lady Patience Baden-Powell, wife of the founders' grandson. Lady Baden-Powell, Chief Commissioner of the British Girl

Guides Association, flew in here by courtesy of Saudia specially for the event.

Commissioner for British Guides in Saudi Arahia, Mrs. Joan Sprigings, said they were honored with Lady Baden-Powell's presence. "We had been planning for the day since last September," she said.

Mrs. Sprigings said six nations were represented at "Thinking Day," — Saudi Arabia, the Uoited States, Britain, Canada, Greece and Indonesia. The program included a parade of national flags, singing of national anthems, parading of the world flag of the Girl Guide movement and a parade of the flag of each unit taking part. Over 50 flags were on display on that day.

The Guides and Brownies renewed their promise to the Guiding movement, gave an entertainment, sang international songs, ending the sore "Tape" which is common to the movement throughout the world. "It is based on the guiding and scouting traditions which

in turn are hased on the experience of Lord Baden-Powell in the early days in South

The Scouts movement is 73 years old and the Guide movement only two years. Mrs. Sprigings said it was the biggest youth organization in the world and "stronger than ever."Britain alone boasts almost one million Guides and Brownies. "The movement is set np on a patrol system and aims to teach its members tolerance toward each other and now to work together," she said. "It is designed to develop character to make young people better citizens."

Other guests at "Thinking Day" included the Guide Commissioner from Egypt; a former member of the World Council for the Girl Guide movement: the wives of ambassadnrs for the countries involved; a local Jeddab resident, Mrs. Maree Cullen, and a past chairman of the U.S. Girl Scout Neighborhood in Jeddah.



MINICAR: The rising prices of gasoline in the United States have forced the people to go in for minicars. This car, which has the speed of 104 kms, can cover 160 kms with only five liters of gas.

inicar craze catching up in America

By Patrick Boyle
LOS ANGELES (LAT) — Is America ready to be shochorned into a two-passenger commuter car? Diane Nenne is. The 18-year-old college student already drives a Honda Civic, one of the smallest cars available in the U.S. market. And after viewing a group of even smaller cars recently as part of a marketing study, she said she would be willing to move to what some see as the next generation of minicars. " I personally like small cars, " she said." I don't like sitting in something that looks like a boat."

Market researchers say Miss Nenne is part of a still "mini"-minority of car buyers whose needs and tastes run to two-passenger cars with very little room for kids, luggage and the dog. Most Americans, even those buying small Japanese and American cars, have traditionally needed more space than is available in a tiny two-passenger commuter car. However, rising gasoline prices might be changing that habit, creating a new niche in the U.S. car market that could widen into a major segment. And because the world's smallest cars are now built by the Japanese and European auto markers, analysts worry that should an American market develop. more quickly than expected for such cars the U.S. auto industry could fall even further behind its foreign competitors.

The smallest American-made cars - of Chevrolet Chevette, Ford Escort, and

about a foot longer than the Volswagen Rabbit, twn feet longer than the Hnnda Civic and three feet longer than some of the smallest cars made in Japan. General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. both will reportedly introduce their nwn new minicars in 1984, but the vehicles will he about the same size as models currently sold in the United States by Tnynta and Honda - and will be larger than the two-passenger commuter cars these and nther Japanese companies already build and sell in Japan.

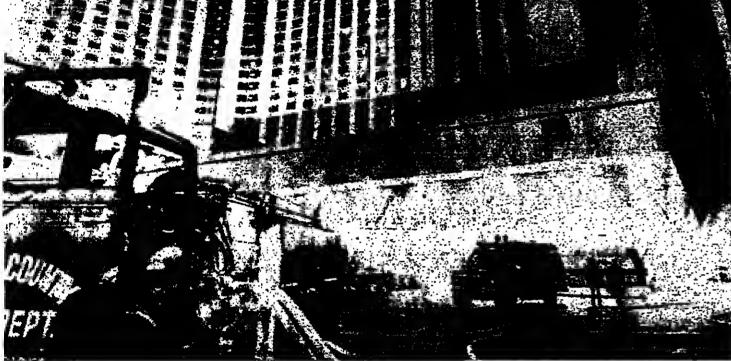
American auto executives have traditinnally scoffed at suggestions that a large U.S. market might develop for cars with room for only twn passengers and with engines so small they have barely enough harsepower to get the car up to freeway speed. However, recent evidence indicates that some car huyers are indeed interested primarily in fuel-stingy transportation - commuter cars huilt elsewhere routinely deliver well over 40 miles per gallon in city traffie - and care little for the creature comforts Detroit has grown fat selling for so long. Despite the continuing slump in auto sales generally, the smallest cars available here — the Hunda Civic and Tuynta Tercel - have continued to sell well.

The combined sales of those two models will probably be less than 200,000 vehicles in 1981, nr less than 3 per cent of the car market, however. And Detroit executives are reluctant to spend the \$3 hillioo it would take to bring out an entirely new minicar without

being certain that they can sell at least 500,000 nf the cars a year and recoup that investment." The sales potential for minicars is there, but no one knows how great it is," said one Fnrd marketing official. " It would cost \$ 3 billion to find nut and we don't have the mnney to gamble. We just can't throw that kind of money into a gap in the market that basn't been tested.

Cars much smaller than the current crop of subcompacts, which are from 155 to 165 inches in length, never did well in the U.S. market until gasoline prices began rising rapidly after the Arah oil embargn of 1973-74. The Inne success story of the small cars of the 1950s and 1960s was the Vnlkswagen Beetle. Even its popularity hegan tn wane in the years just before the embargn. Other models, such as the Suharu 360 and the Hnnda 600, were criticized as being too small to drive safety among the huge trucks and hig cars operating on U.S. Highways. They were also considered unattractive and did badly: in competition with the better-styled, larger imports coming from Europe and from other Japanese manufacturers.

These first minicars were later replaced hy slightly larger cars more suited to the tastes of American car buyers, leading to the success of the importers and eventually to a serions. decline in the market share of the U.S. auto manufacturers. Smaller cars sold well in Japan and Europe because mntorists there generally paid twice as much for gasoline as American car owners.



FIRE: A fire raced through the 30-storey Hilton Hotel, in Las Vegas, killing eight persons and injuring 300 others recently. Photo shows fire brigade personnel fighting the fire. This was the second fire to hit the gambling capital of the United States. Last November, 84 persons were killed in a fire at the MGM Grand.

Fires fail to dampen tourists' spirit

Las Vegas hoteliers optimistic

By Charles P. Wallace

LAS VEGAS, (LAT) - The recent fires m Las Vegas appear to have done little to tarnish the city's appeal as a garden of earthly delights, but hotel managements and tnur operators agreed that fire-safety questions have become more important to visitors than the lure of slot machines and showgirls. An informal survey of major Las Vegas hotels showed few cancelations after the fires at the MGM Grand Hotel last November and last month's blaze at the Hilton Hotel. But many lourists hedged their bets and demanded hotel rooms close to the street.

Although short-term prospects appeared good, particularly for the forthcoming huliday weekends, fears about the future of the

to Las Vegas, but that will really be minimal," Canmn said. Dehhie Allen, the Los Angeles area manager of the Carver Travel Agency, which specializes in tours to Las Vegas, reported nnly a minnr dropoff in reservations, hut said ber customers "are mnre opinionated about fire safety and are asking a lot more questions." She said that many callers were asking to be placed in small hotels, nr on the lower floors of the bigger hotels. "We may be promoting smaller, different properties fnr awhile," she said. "We had people going out today and every nne nf them showed up," Tess Poston, customer service manager of Gray Line Tonrs in Los Angeles, said. "No nne has canceled." Las Vegas derives a large sbare of its revenue from con-

ventions and meetings. A spokesman for the

ing a meeting for 15,000 people in the ski industry oext month, said he had nn expressions of worry from participants. "Out people travel a lot and know these things happen," he said. "I guess people dnn't think it's

gning to happen to them."

"I think conventions will be leery of the individual properties," Robert Vanoucci, manager of the Aladdin Hotel, said. "After the MGM fire we got a lot of requests for lnwer floors, when in the past most people wanted the tower rooms. The main concern is hnw you're equipped to handle a fire. But I think most people view these as unfortunate incidents." Theodore Anderson, vice president of the Argus Research Corp., a Wall Street firm, agreed ahnut the img-term impact. "I think people are going to be a little

"At the Union Plaza, a 22-storey hotel in downtown Las Vegas, Robert Cannon, the manager, said that he doubted there would be any sudden loss of business. "I don't think this is going to hurt. There will be a few people who change their minds about coming to Las Vegas, but that will really be minimal."

aity deepened measureably after the Hilton fire. "When you have two fires of this magnitude it has to have an effect," said Keen Juin, vice-president of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, "I know this quesion is uppermost in the minds of people in

Anthony Hoffman, an analyst with the Thicago-based investment house of A.G. Becker and Co., said that concern about the ires could be enough to "take the edge off" he city's recovery from last year's sluggishsess. "If somebody's planning to gn to lacsar's Palace next week, I imagine he'd be little worried that somebody is burning own the town," Hoffman said. "There will e a int of people who say 'I don't want in go o Vegas right now."

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Las Vegas Convention and Visitors' Bureau said that name of the planned conventions had been canceled or moved.

"Basically, we have seen very little fallout from the fires," said Jim Jalety, president of Las Vegas Convention Planners. "Safety is a major concern. Every person we do talk to now hrings up the standards and the safety codes, not the entertainer playing in the showrooms." Clarence Siegfried, director of the American Rental Association, which is holding a convention for 5,000 people in Las Vegas said that he had received calls of concern from a number of guests at the meeting, primarily about the location of rooms. Siegfried said his association was printing firesafety instructions to be handed out for the first time. "I'll have to evaluate a lot of things when this is over to see if we come back to Las Vegas again," he said.

Despite such coocerns, a number of convention operators said that Las Vegas was one of the only cities in the country that could provide facilities and efficient service to large conventions. Robert-Ingemie, who is nrganiznervous about any hotel - particularly a Casino Hotel. But I don't expect it to be very long-lasting."

Fred Lewis, a vice president of the Summa Corp., which owns or operates four Las Vegas hotels, said that the fact that the city and the Hilton were filled to capacity at the time of the fire demoostrated that the MGM blaze had had little impact on the city. Lewis said that because the Hilton fire appeared to have been caused by arson, it showed that "there is some poor, sick soul out there, but at least the fire was not the result of careless-

At the Elegant Escort Agency in Las Vegas, Sylvia, a womao who said "we never use our last names in this business," noted that business had fallen off sharply immediately after the Hilton fire. "After the MGM fire, business really increased - 1 guess people were so happy they weren't killed," Sylvia said. "Judging by today, things are really. slowing down, though. I expect our patrons to move to smaller hotels."

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To down interest rates

U.S. proposes cuts in credit programs Here to the nation on Feb. 18.

WASHINGTON, March 9 (R) - The Reagan administration has proposed sharp cuts in government credit programs for farmers, students, exporters and prospective home-buyers in a move designed to bring down interest rates.

The proposal, which will be included in the budget package President Reagan will unveil on Tuesday, calls for a reduction of \$13.6 billion in government direct loan abligations and loan guarantees this year and another \$21 billion in 1982

Budget Director David Stockman told reporters the size of government loan programs had quadrupted over the past 12 years and now accounted for roughly one-third of all U.S. credit market activity. This "explosive growth" he said, had produced record interest rates.

Stockman said the Reagan administration was committed to reducing the government's share in the credit markets and returning it to

Treasury Under-Secretary Beryl Sprinkel, who briefed reporters with Stockman, said: "I consider this move the first of many that will contribute to lower interest rates and ultimatety lower inflation

The programs that would be hit hardest under the proposal include student loans, Export-Import Bank financing, food for peace aid, agricultural price support and var-

ous low-interest government mortgages. The list of cuts contained few surprises as Reagan mentioned most of them in his first address to the nation on Feb. 18.

Stockman said the only area in which govemment credit would be expanded was economic support funds, designed to help nations with severe balance of payments problems, which would be increased by \$900 million in 1982. He named Turkey and Latin America as places which would probably benefit.

Meanwhile, a former top-ranking governmenr economist, however, said Sunday that Reagan's program of sweeping tax and spending cuts will fail in its expressed aim of reducing inflation while spuring economic

Walter Heller, the chief economist under presidents Kennedy and Johnson, said in a television interview that the Reagan administration was "kidding itself" about what could be accomplished by its plan.

The new administration has predicted that its program will stimulate economic growth of 4.5 per cent a year by 1984, while simulnaneously halving the nation's 12 per cent inflation rate.

What disturbs me is that be [Reagan] is promising us that we can have both a big expansion in the economy and a bid contracuon in inflation" Heller said. "The two things

are simply inconsistent," he added. Heller said the Reagan plan was a "very risky path to take". It could fuel a damaging surge in inflation, he said, especially if Congress passed proposed lax culs before implementing complementary reductions in public

Credit cards gain popularity

MONACO, March 9 (AFP) - Credit card usage will greatly expand in the world in the next two years, as computerized financial transactions multiply and banks find cheeks and money increasingly burdensome to handle, bankers at a major convention here

At the same time, advanced technology is also bringing eards with built-in mini-

Syria's GNP up by 21 per cent

DAMASCUS, March 9 (AFP) - The Syrian government in a report issued here has said that the country's gross national product increased by 21.1 per cent last year, the Syrian news agency, SANA reported.

The GNP was put at 73,325 million Syrian pounds [\$18,331 million] lust year, according to the report, issued on the 18th unniversary of the ruling Bauth Party's seizure of power. Per capital income increased by 17.8 per cent, rising from 4.412 pounds (\$1,183) in computers as well as automated street corner devices offering a wide range of banking services. Even gasoline pumps will begin working with the insertion of these pervasive rectangles of plastic.

The new developments raise fears that bankers may lose personal contact in their daily business, and in the process, some of their customers.

These were the conclusions of the third convention of the European Financial Marketing Association (EFMA) meeting held here last week. About 650 bankers from 25 countries attended.

The American-hased computer multinational IBM presented its latest equipment. One automatic device, to be installed outdoors, not only distributes bills but also accepts check or cash deposits, tranfers money from one account to another, and indicates the current amount in the account.

The bankers also raised the problem on integrating the systems. One cannot expect merchants to install three difference terminals in their stores, just to accommodate three major credit cards, the bankers said.

The basic problem for bankers is to make all the networks compatible," EFMA dele-



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Business and labor leaders have called on

Last week, the employers' organization,

the Confederation of British Industry (CBI),

in a statement echoing trade unioos'

demands, urged the government to pump .:

£6 billion (\$13billion) into the economy to

avoid unemployment rising by a further mil-

lion in the next four years. It now stands at 2.5

million, almost 10 per cent of the work force.

now worries British voters much more than inflation, which has fallen from 22 to 13 per

But Mrs. Thatcher said only last Wednes-

Other members of ber cabinet have said

repeatedly in recent days that the administra-

tion's economic strategy is correct and will be

"The budget will stress that the govern-

ment's monetarist commitment is unbending

and that the prime aim is to bring the soaring

public sector borrowing requirement under control," The Sunday Times said Sunday.

State borrowing in the current fiscal year is estimated at £ 13.5 billion (\$80 billion), 60

per cent higher than last year's budget fore-

cast. The newspapers predicted the chancel-

lor would set his target for 1981-82 at about

alcohol, petrol and vehicles while personal

tax allowances would increase by only a third

of the rate of inflation - in effect a tax rise.

platform, including tax cuts 10 increase work

Mrs. Thatcher woo power in 1979 on a

They also forecast higher taxes on tobacco,

£11 billion (\$24 billion dollars).

day that the battle against rising prices

remained ber main economic priority.

Opinioo polls show that unemployment

the government to expand the economy.

Deflationary steps predicted

LONDON, March 9 (R) - Leading newspapers bave predicted the British government would resist criticism of its monetarist pobcies and impose harsher deflationary measures in its annual budget this week to

get the economy back on course. Business, tabor and political pressure group, including some supporters of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, bave been calling for a measure of reflation 10 lift Britain

out of its worst slump since the 1930s. The only bright spot in wbat The Sunday Times said would be an unexpectedly savage dose of deflatioo was the forecast that minimum lending rate, which governs all British interest rates, would be cut by between two and three per cent to 11 or 12 per ceot to belp industry.

No official comment was available on the reliability of the newspapers' predictions, but both published accurate advance accounts of a government "mini-budget" ast November, which led to opposition Labor Party charges of top-level leaks.

The government's annual budget traditionally the best-kept secret in British poli-

The administration's economic strategy is widely regarded as being in disarray, thrown off course by soaring unemployment and

ILO urges doubling road network

GENEVA, March 9 (AFP) - A "realistic and balanced' transport policy for the third world must include road investment corresponding to social as well as economic needs, the use of labor-intensive road-building methods and more suitable vehicles than those of Europe, according to a study released bere.

The study by the International Labor Office, which is the secretariat of the International Labor Organization (ILO), a U.N.associated body, said that the road network density in most less-developed countries was on an average 10 times less than that in the industrialized world.

It said that a reasonable objective would be a doubling of the present road network in third world countries in the next 15 years using conventional materials.

But to achieve that, the less-developed countries would need to increase their casb revenue by three to five per cent per year, and the external deficit of these countries is increasing by 20 per cent a year, the study

It also pointed out that any such new roads would have to be maintained, while at the present time third world countries are for the most part not in a position to maintain their existing road network.

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FAO channels relief

Famine stalks African states

ROME, March 9 (AP) - The food shortage in Africa has deteriorated in the past six months and 28 countries are suffering from famine - two more than were stricken lass fall, the Food and Agriculture Organization said Monday.

Refugees with match-stick legs and swollen stomachs are crowded into camps. In Somalia, there are 1.5 million refugees from drought and war, in Ethiopia, one million refugees are in dire need of food and in Uganda 500,000 are suffering from hunger. FÃO said.

"No longer able to care for themselves. these homeless wanderers must depend on others for help, straining the already meagre resources of the region, parts of which arc completely arid," a FAO press release said.

FAO Directorate-General Edouard Satuma has added Madagascar and Upper Volta to a list of 26 countries suffering from severe shortages in September.

The other countries are: Angola. Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republican, Chad, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritania, Mali, Mozambique. Senagal, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Harvests in many of these countries have failed and there has been drought for two years. FAO said it is important to deliver food and other supplies before May, when the rainy season begins.

During the rainy reason, it is difficult to get supplies in because of primitive roads and railroads. But if there is no rain, the situation will be even worse.

FAO said the 28 countries need to import 6.5 million metric ions for the 1980/81 harvest period, 43 per cent more than in 1979/ 80. The harvest period is different for each country, starting in early summer in some countries and late summer in others, Many of the countries cannot afford to step up commercial imports, the release said.

FAO, an organization of the United Nations, is organizing and channeling aid on an emergency and short-term basis and is providing technical assistance to increase food production.

In September, Satuma made a plea for more emergency international aid of the bungry in Africa, As of early February, 1.8 million tons of emergency food had been

pledged for the stricken countries. But this is 2.7 million toos short of wbat the FAO estimates is needed in emergency supplies. "Less food is being produced in Africa now than was grown in 1970," the FAO said. Per

capita production in the 28 countries had fallen alarmingly over the past decade. The FAO estimated cereal production in the 28 natioos in 1980 at 20.8 million tons, 12 per cent down on 1978.

It was stepping up emergency aid to east Africa, and in particular to Somalia, Ethiopia, Uganda and Mozambique, where it said drought and civil strife had worsened

Meanwhile, the government of droughtstriken Somalia Sunday launched an international appeal for some 470,000 metric tons of food to meet expected shortfalls for 1981 and warned it may need even more.

Omar Giama, deputy minister of national planning, told diplomats and foreign aid officials: "Already the stocks of certain essential food commodities have a reserve numbered

"This critical condition for our people could be greatly exacerbated if the brought deepens further or if there is a further increase in the flow of refugees from the Ogaden desert.'

Giama said that the government is unable to meet food requirements because of a 25-30 per cent drop in government revenues. Somalia's economic troubles have been worsened by the enhaustion of its foreign exchange boldings and fuel shortages caused

by the Iran-Iraq war.

Giama said Somalia's woes are part of a crisis sweeping northeast Africa, where drought is causing widespread hardship and warnings by Western agronomists of a looming major disaster. The econnomic strain on Somalia caused by the drought has been deepened by a steady flow of refugees from the arid Ogaden, where Somali-backed guerrillas are fighting to end Ethiopian rule.

China runs up \$7.5b deficit

PEKING, March 9 (R) - China ran # budget deficit last year of 12.1 billion yuan (\$7.5 billion), forcing its state-owned banks to print more money to help finance the shortfall, an official report published bere

The report by top economic planner Yao Yilin, published in full in The People's Daily, said the deficit was (\$2.6 billion) more than the target of \$5 billion.

.. Yao said the shortfall had meant the government had, in effect, increased its overdraft at the bank, compelling it to issue an extra 7.6 billion yuan (\$4.7 billion) in new notes instead of a budgeted three billion (\$1.9 billion) during 1980.

However, the deficit was a 29 per cent drop compared with the 1979 figure of 17 billion yuan (\$10.6 billion).

Because the amount of currency in circulation went up, the supply of products was not able to keep up and retail prices rose an average of roughly six per cent on the previous year," the report said.

Prices of non-staple foodstuffs, meaning foods other than items such as grain and oils, bad risen 13.8 per cent last year.

Yao said the large deficit was mainly due to over-expenditure on capital construction projects, many of which are being axed as part of his retrenchment program.

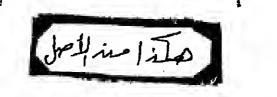




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s'ecord wheat output redicted this year

Wheat Council expects a world record crop of 470 million metric lons this according to estimates it published

2 council, which met in London last said its estimate is dependent on good ter in the northern and southern hemis-

ind wheat consumption this year is ted to be about 460 million metric tons, m 453 million tons in 1980, the council a a statement.

oduction in 1981 would accordingly to reach 470 million tons — 25 million nore than in 1980 - to allow for some st rebuilding of stock from their current ted levels. At present, it seems likely this target could be achieved, given nable weather from now on in major icing areas," said the council.

mbined planted areas in 1981 in the five r exporting areas - Argentina, alia, Canada, the European Economic nission's group of 10 nations and the d States — in 1981 "are likely to nd above last year's rocord as producers nd to higher return and expectations of ... g export demand," the statement said. ather conditions until now in the major t producing regions in the northern sphere were generally favorable, the

is should mean for larger crops in other r producing areas, including the Soviet n and China, correcting an ealier estithat Russian winter sowings had fallen behind because of bad weather. The IWC said that at the end of the 1981-

82 crop year, combined stocks in the five major world wheat producing areas will total 41 million metric tons, down from 46 million tons the year before.

The IWC said it expects world trade in wheal and related products to total nine million metric tons in 1981-82 and 95 per cent of exports involved in this trade would have to be borne by the five major producing areas.

It said there are sufficient stocks in tho United States and the European Common Market, but major crop failures this spring and summer could lead to an extremely tight

Stocks in the United States totaled 25 million metric tons and in the EEC some seven million. But the IWC warned that not all these slocks were available for trading at current prices, for examplo, the farmer-beld reserves in the United States and the intervention stocks in the EEC.

Stocks in Australia, Argentina and Canada would be lower at the start of the 1981-82 crop year, the IWC said. The IWC pinned its bopes for greater output on the lifting of restraints in the United States and elsewhere, and indications that land set aside or used for other cereals or grains bad been returned to wheat sowing. As a result, wheat-sowing areas in the five major producing areas now are the largest for over 20 years.

On the Soviet Union, the IWC said: "It will take a bumpor spring harvest to achieve a total wheat crop large enough to reduce

Hitting new low

Gold keeps millions investors on tenterhooks \$875 an ounce. At that time, Soviet troops

LONDON, March 9(R) - All across the world, millions of investors are anxiously wondering what is going to happen to their gold...how much further will it go down before it begins to go up?

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The price of gold bas been dropping steadily on bullion markots recently and has reached its lowest level for about 15 months, trading at just over \$460 an ounce. Some analysts predict gold will soon test what they are calling the psychological 450-dollar barrier. If gold plunges on down through that barrier, there may be panicky selling. And yet that might be just the right

"The gold market is affected by two things: outside factors and its own psychol-

said a London market expert. One outside factor driving gold down at present, dealers say, is the lack of international tension computed with the start of the 1980s when gold was at its all-time high of

Taipei car firm plans

to expand production

next few years.

TAIPEI, March 9 (CNA): Yue Loong

Part of the confidence has been based on a

healthy demand for the domestic market

which saw sales rising by 15-25 per cent each

year during the past years, a Yue Loong

Yue Loong bas invested NT \$4.2 billion (about \$116.7 million) to set up an assembly

plant at Sanyi, The Sanyi plant will become partially operational in May with an initial

annual production of 72,000 fuel-efficient

passenger cars and station wagons, the

When the Sanyi plant becomes fully opera-

tional, the new assembly lines will add

another 72,000 units of passenger cars and

48,000 units of trucks to Yue Loong's annual

output, the spokesman added.

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attractive, pulling investors away from gold and the other precious metals such as platinum and silver which tend to follow gold's fortunes. Promises by the Reagan administration to keep money policies light bavo also supported the dollar which has been climbing on foreign exchange markets

bad gone into Afghanistan and the Ameri-

Al times of international tension, gold

becomes especially attractive to investors as

a safo holding. People hope it will maintain

its value even though currencies may slump

on the foreign exchange markets. For

instance, although gold had been dropping from its record height, it shot up briefly to

\$720 an ounce last September at the outset

on gold recently has been the high interest

rates in the United States where the monet-

ary authorities are clamping down credit in

High interest rates have made the dollar

Another powerful depressing influence

of the Iraq-Iran war.

order to fight inflation.

can hostages had been seized in Iran.

Once a clear trend is established in the gold market, like the present downward course, tho market's psychology takes over and the "momentum offect' sets in. This was summed up by a dealer in January 1980 when gold was soaring towards its record.

He said: "Gold is going up hecause it is going up."

People were climbing on the bandwagon, he said. Dealers and analysts at that time were talking excitedly about the possibility of gold reaching \$1,000 an ounce. So to many investors it seemed sensible to continue buying gold even though it was at \$875. They learned later how wrong they

were when holders of gold began to unload.

The unloaders had decided to sell for a good profit at around the \$875 figure. Now the reverse situation has set in. There is talk of gold falling to, or even below, \$450. But some analysts point out that a time will come when gold is simply 100 templing 10 resist. Investors will regard it as cheap, and they will move in. This could start a climb.

One analyst said he thought gold might rise back above \$500 an ounce loward the end of this year. Another export, James Dines, editor of the Dines Letter which informs his clients on the state of the markets, said in Hong Kong last Friday that the gold price would bottom around the 450dollar level and added that in fact the bottom might already have been reached. He said signs of panic liquidation by small investors had indicated to him that the selling was over, and he was recommending taking partial positions in gold.

Despite the occasional signs of panic, however, some analysts say that investors

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recent years, at least in the major centers. This has lod to more short-term investment, with experts advising when to buy into acommodity, or a currency such as the dollar, and when to get, out. It has also caused increased use of the futures markets which combine elements of insurance and speculanion Futures contracts are commitments to

huy or sell at a specified price at a time and

place in the future.

The bulk of gold futures is traded in the United States, but in Asia, Hong Kong has started a gold futures market hoping to attract enough business, especially from Japan, to challenge Singapore's gold futures market that opened two years ago. London plans a gold futures market some time this

This is making the trading of gold more complex, but there is a more simple straigh-(forward trade still in such things as trinkets or gold coins like the Krugerrands, minted in South Africa from where the bulk of the world's gold is exported.

Some experts say that if you want to stay out of the more sophisticated short-term investment, there is still a basic wisdom in long-term investment in gold. "Look at the price of gold over the last few years," said one analyst. "Even though gold is well down from its recard height, you would still have made a profit."

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EEC may act

Major disagreement is looming over a confidential circular from the EEC commission to member governments, heads of ministerial divisions and beads of national delegations taking part in commodity pact negotiations or

The message signals a proposal to cancell the individual initiative of heads of national delegations in favor of a common EEC position, allowing only one viewpoint and a block

LONDON, March 9 (AP) - Negotiations' for a new world tin pact, opening in Geneva Monday, could be the last at which the 10 nations of the European Common Market will vote individually.

The circular sepecifically aims at a comnon stand on the international cocoa agreement, expected to come into force this year, and says that if the 10 EEC nations agree, the procedure could be extended to other com-

block in commodity deals modity and raw material agreements as well.

The proposed procedure would live the commission power to veto any decisions about to be taken in the executive boards, committees and councils of the world cocoa, coffee, and tin pacts, since total consumption of these commodities by EEC countries is about 40 per cent or more of the commodity

Votes in commodity agreements are usually shared out according to market performance - exports for producers and imports for consumers, Of the usual 1,000 votes on the consumer side, the commission could veto any major decision requiring a twothirds majority vote.

Hitherto, velo power for coffee was restricted to the United States as the world's largest consumer, or to Brazil as the largest producer, for cocoa to the Ivory Coast and for tin to' Malaysia, both producers.

The commission's circular said: "the political initiative of the commission is aimed at improving the outward image of the community and to internally reinforce community cohesion and solidarity."

It said there would be "joint participation of the community and its member states in all agreements in which they are concerned." taking place within the "framework of a single delegation expressing itself with one

If delegations fail to agree on a common sland, the issue will be referred to FEC headquarters in Brussels for a hinding decision of the ministerial council.

Qualified diplomatic informants said this weekend that disagreement loomed over the circular hecause Britain, France and the Netherlands have their own particular problems and do not always see eye to eye with

Experts in the commodity markets said failure to agree in the conference rooms and referral back to Brussels could impair the smooth working of commodity pacts, where market price fluctuations sometimes call for immediate action.

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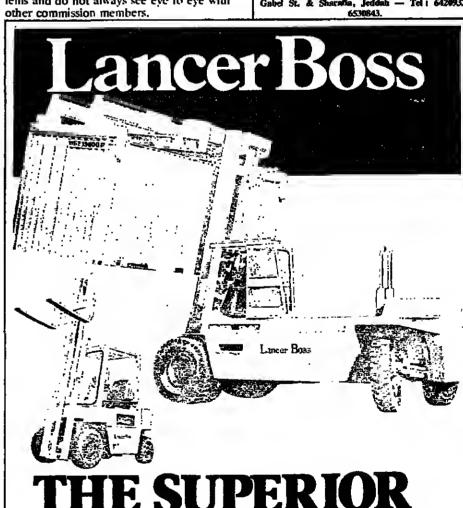
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U.S. admiral says

West fails to match Soviet forces might

NEW YORK, March 9 (Agencies) — U.S. Adm. William Crowe, commander of NATO forces in southern Europe, says there is now an aluming imbalance between Soviet and Western forces weighted in the Soviet Union's favor.

In an interview with Newsweek magazine published Sunday, Adm. Crowe said the imbalance had resulted from the strengthening of Soviet forces and a failure by the West to match the Moscow investment." The result has been an alarming imbalance that is quite clear across the board - land, sea and air,"

Crowe also indicated that NATO eventually may have to expand its boundaries to the south in Europe, saying: "With recent clashes in the Middle East and our increasing reliance on Mideast petroleum, the strategic importance of the Mediterranean has increased and the center of gravity of NATO has shifted southward from the central

He said he did not think it feasible for NATO to expand its boundaries now, at a time when its forces are spread thin. But be suggested that NATO members could expand their spheres of influence of the southern flank on an individual basis.

Meanwhile, a former U.S. spy chief said the United States should forget about trying to stay ahead of the Soviets in conventional weaponry and concentrate on space warfare.

United States space force that could shoot down Soviet missiles would be a speedy and inexpensive way to circumvent the Soviets in the arms race, said Daniel Graham, former head of the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency and a refired army lieutenant gen-

"The country that establishes military dominance in the space arena will 'rule the roosi', 'he said Saturday at a monetary conference in Phoenix, Arizona. Graham said the Soviets are turning out hardware "like

sausages," and can further speed production.
It is foolhardy for the United States, which possesses superior space technology, to pour billions of dollars into carriers, tanks, missiles and submarines, he said. More United States troops, tanks and weapons" will not only not solve our problems, it might make them worse," Graham said. The wiser approach is to 'beat them with technology io important

In an interview, the minister counselor at the Soviet Embassy in Washington called Sunday for cooperation between the United States and his country, warning that if "we continue to view each other with outmoded categories, then we are in for a lot of trou-

Appearing on the ABC Television networker's "Issues and Answers" news interview show, Vladilen M. Vasev said 'we're not asking for favors ... We would like to work with the present administration (in Washington)." He denied the Soviets are trying to drive a diplomatic wedge between Washington and its western European allies, calling it "a superficial notion"

MAPUTO, March 9 (Agencies) - The

U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and

the South African Secret Service collabo-

rated in a cross-border raid by Pretoria's

troops on the Mozambican town of Matola in

January, the official Maputo daily Noticias

bican news agency AIM, said that only days

before the attack, a former captain in the

Mozambique armed forces, Alcido Chivite,

bad been in contact with the U.S. embassy in

Maputo. Chivite, who was in charge of the

war materials department at general staff

headquarters, met Louis Leon Ollivier, one of

four U.S. diplomats deported from Mozam-

bique last week on charges of being CIA agents, the paper added.

Ollivier had been Chivite's CIA contact:

since January the previous year, the paper said, quoting information from the Mozam-

bican security ministry. The newspaper said

that Chrvite, who had access to information

on Mozambican army supplies and supplies

of the former "ZANU" and "ZAPU" Zim-

babwe guerrilla forces, had been arrested

after the South African raid. He and seven

The report, carried by the official Viozam-

reported bere.

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Chinese 'wonderboy' has X-ray eyes

PEKING, March 9 (AFP) — Young Wei Ruoyang has added another chapter to the history of China's "wonderboys" — children whose peculiar psychic powers have defied all known laws of science. Last year the parents of 12-year-old Wei discovered that their son bad X-ray eyes. They found that he could see through brick walls, identifying objects on the other side, and even diagnose tumors in sick people.

The chance discovery resulted from press reports that children in several Chinese provinces could "read" with their ears. The reports deeply intrigued Wei's mother, a teacher at the Institute of Traditional Medicine in Lanzhou, northern China.

On the off-chance that ber son bad similar powers, she gave bim a test which immediately proved positive: the boy was able to"read" a character written oo a scrap of paper slipped into his ear.

More astonishing still, she found that Wei was able to see radiation emitted by people and by objects. Journalists from a newspaper in southern China were called to see a dramatic demonstration, in which Wei was

other army officers were awaiting trial before

a revolutionary military tribunal on charges

Noticias said that Chivite gave Ollivier

information on "the attitudes of senior army

officers to President Samora Machel, biog-

raphical details of Mozambican military

chiefs, the role of Cuba, Soviet and Chinese

advisers and the combat capacity of the

Mozambican armed forces". South African

commandos killed 11 members of the banned

African National Congress (ANC) of South

Africa in the raid against Matola, a Maputo

suburb, A Portuguese national was also killed

the Ivory Coast and France are carrying out

their largest joint military maneuvers ever in

what some Western observers in Abidjan say

is an attempt by France to reassure its African

allies on its willingness to come to their

The six-day land and sea maneuvers in this

West African nation of 8 million are being

carried out under the joint command of the

fvorian chiefs of staff and Gen. Maldan,

inspector general of the French expeditio-

80 rebel guards

MADRID, March 9 (R) — About 80 of the 150 rebel civil guards who stormed the.

Spanish parliament in an attempted military

coup two weeks ago bave been released,

Spanish oewspapers bave reported. The

reports, which could oot be confirmed offi-

cially, said the guards were back in their units

They had been beld at a civil guard school

outside Madrid since the 18-bour occupation

of [parliament ended Feb. 24. Four generals,

17 civil guard officers and several army offic-

ers are under arrest for their alleged involve-

Lt, Col. Antonio Tejero Molina, who led

the rebels into parliament, demanded as a

condition of his surreuder that privates and

non-commissioned officers should not be

guards as saying during the occupation of

parliament that they were not aware of the

coup plans beforehand. Some said they were

ordered to board buses without knowing

where they were being taken, others that they

were told to go and fight a Basque separatist

BONN, March 9 (AP) - Special U.N.

emissary Martti Ahtisaari beld talks Monday

with Foreign Ministry State Secretary

Guenther Van Well on Western efforts to

arrange a peaceful transfer of power in Namibia. A foreign ministry statement said

the exchange of views "served the continuation of efforts for a solution to the Namibia

"Both sides discussed the situation after

eral Assembly', the statement said.

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Witnesses gooted several of the civil

prosecuted. He is in a Madrid jail.

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Meanwhile, more than 3,000 troops from

of treason, it added.

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certain object seven floors below him.

They reported that the boy also 'X-rayed' several people at the demonstration, with 100 per cent success. He found that a certain Wang had a black shadow on his beart - this was later confirmed by doctors - and that a woman sitting four meters away had an eye tumor, One of Wei's favorite games, the paper

reported, was to map underground rivers and canals simply by looking at the ground. Another was to read his mother's thoughts. Asked bow he did it, the boy said simply that be used his ears.

Wei Ruoyang bas now taken his place in the Chinese press with a legion of child prodigies boasting unexplained powers, alongside such "wonderboys" as Chen Yijia from the central province of Hunan. Chen's peculiarity was to have learned 1,000 Chinese characters by the age of 23 months - a truly startling achievement.

The daily newspaper at Ningxia, one of China's poorest and most backward provinces, has given much space lately to the case of four-year-old Liu Yang, who, apart from being able to read and write 800 characters, speaks English. The paper, its admiration undisguised, said the toddler learned English from bis grandfather and explained to anyone who asked: "I want to get to university sooner."

Other child prodigies have turned their attentions to mathematics, like Shen Kegong, 11, from Shaanki in central China who took just 20 seconds to calculate the value of 625 to the power of nine. And like maths students Shi Fengshou, 26, who is said to produce results faster than an electronie calculator just by using his fingers He can multiply two 10-figure numbers in eight or nine seconds, reports say.

Even China's Austere television has been following the wonderboys. Millions of viewers saw one program in December in which a boy with his back to a blackboard was able to "read" phrases chalked on the board by a teacher. Another child, his body covered in ticking watches, made them all stop instantaneously by what the TV commentator described as "sheer willpower."



MILITARY TRAINING: Black troops from the Kavango tribe of Namibia receive training with the Kvango Battalion of the South African army. led by white officers. Disarming opposed

Nkomo rebels cause concern

SALISBURY, March 9 (R) - Ao isolated bush fortress occupied by guerrillas of Zim-babwean minority leader Josbau Nkomo is causing concern among military commanders seeking the disarmament of thousands of men, military sources said. Gwaai River camp, 140 kms north of Bulawayo, bas become the unofficial beadquarters for the Soviet-trained ZIPRA (Zimbabwe People's Revolutionary Army) and a focus of its dis-

content, the sources said. It was from the beavily-fortified Gwaai River camp that ZIPRA sent a column of reinforcements toward Bulawayo during factional fighting last month. The column was halted and dispersed on orders from ZIPRA commanders and under threat of an air strike from Prime Minister Robert Mugabe. Military sources said between 4,000 and 6,000 men, whose arms included missiles and antiaircraft weapons, were quartered at the Gwaai River camp and were resisting disarmament.

Last month's Bulawayo clasbes pitted ZIPRA against Mugabe ZANLA (Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army) guerrillas and white-officered black troops from the former Rhodesian Army.

The central committee of Nkomo's PF-ZAPU party met during weekend to discuss the clashes. Party Vice Chairman Josiah Chinamano told reporters that disampament must be even-banded between ZANLA and ZIPRA, apparently indicating opposition to the idea of ZIPRA being disarmed first.

During the central committee meeting, Nkomo reported on his loss of the homeaffairs portfolio, which controls the police, in a cabinet reshuffle last January and his appointment as minister without portfolio. Chinamano said.

About 300 persons died in the clashes last month and the rift deepened between the forces of Nkomo and Mugabe, who fought the seven-year war against white rule under a

Military sources said that Nkomo's authority among his guerrillas diminished because be refused to beed their demands for a total

fragile alliance called the Patriotric Front.

the Geneva conference on Namibia and the just ended Namibia debate in the U.N. Genwithdrawal from Mugabe's government.

After the Bulawayo fighting, Mugabe's military leader, Emmerson Munangagwa, ordered the disarming of guerrillas still outside the new national army, a fledgling force designed to weld the combatants of the bush war into a unified, apolitical body.

But, military sources said Sunday, ZIPRA guerrillas at Gwaai and elsewbere were saying that under the 1979 London peace agreement they were entitled to keep their weapons until they were integrated into the new army. Mugabe's ZANLA men, concentrated in Concentration of the concent trated in Camp Foxtrot, in eastern Zimbabwe, bave not yet agreed to total disarma-

Political sources said the ZIPRA guerrillas regarded themselves as the last ba tecting the political and tribal identity of the minority Ndebeles, who back Nkomo, against encroaching begemooy by Mugabe's majority Sbooas.

Mngabe warned last week that be would use "vicious methods" against ZIPRA guer-rillas who refused to be disarmed, a comment that seems certain to deepen the tribal and political Gulf between ZANLA and ZIPRA. But military sources said a government assault on the Gwaai camp could prove costly because ZIPRA is heavily armed and well

The Bulawayo fighting confronted Mugabe with calls from his own followers for ZIPRA to be crushed. But, as the classes demonstrated, the prime minister cannot rely on the new army to deal with unrest and must use the black troops of the Rhodesian African Rifles, his former enemy, to act agaiost

U.S. aides back Taipei over F-16s

Taipei request to Washington for F-16 fight. ers is being backed by some high officials in the administration, the Washington Post reported Monday. The Post said the officials in the White House and the State Department felt it "important for the U.S. to maintain the friendship of Taiwan.

The State Department refused to comment on the report, adding "We've said nothing official about Taiwan." The Post said that if the deal went through, either for the extremely fast F-16 currently in service with the U.S. Air Force or a less powerful expon version, it could harm Washington's relations with Peking.

A Defense Department spokesman said last month that the joint Sino-American communique of Jan 1, 1979 establishing full diplomatic links between the two countries and the April 1978 law on U.S. relations with Taipei were considered by the government as "solemn obligations."

Casey asks Japan to aid Asian states

director of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, met with Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki Monday and discussed "a wide range of problems," relating to Asia, government officials said.

The officials, bowever, declined to disclose details of the meeting and added, "We were not informed of Casey's schedule and purpose of visiting Japan, because of his posi-

Japan's Kyodo news service said that in a 30-minute meeting, Casey called on Japan to increase aid to Asian nations, particularly to Pakistan and Thailand, as Soviet and Vietnamese troops are stationed in their neighboring nations.

Suzuki told Casey that Japan will provide Asian nations with more support, Kvodu sak It said Casey delivered to Suzuki a message from U.S. President Ronald Reagan, saying be was looking forward to meeting Suzuki to discuss "a wide range of bilateral problems."

W.German coalition's popularity diminishes

BONN, March 9 (R) - The popularity of the West German coalition government by dropped sharply since its victory in las October's general elections, an opinion roll institute has reported. A poll by the Wicker Institute showed that Chancellor Helmit Schmidt's Social Democratic Party (SPD) elections were held now, compared with 42.5 per cent in October.

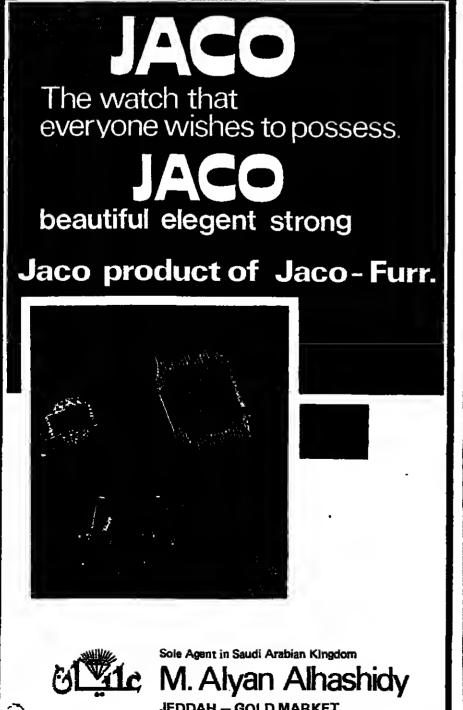
The junior coalition partners, the Free Democrats, would bave 10.1 per cent, compared with 10.6 per cent at the general elec tions, the survey said Sunday.

15 drowned in India

NEW DELHI, March 9 (AP) - Fiftee persons drowned when a boat sank in th southern Indian state of Tamil nadu, th United News of India (UNI) reported Mon day. Seventeen of the 32 passengers about swam to the safety of the banks of the Cauv ery River, UNI said.

Pobce said the bodies of six women any two children bad been recovered. A search for the other bodies was continuing at the ac cident site. The travelers were returning t their village after attending a marriage part





Ban on whale-killing proposed NEW DELHI, March 9 (AP) - An inter-

World convention ends

national wildlife conference attended by 50 governments bas just concluded bere after reaching agreements on the trade in whales, parrots, green turtles, rhinoceroses and dozens of other threatened species. The 10-day conference; which ended Sun-

day, the largest ever gathering of experts in the field, was the third meeting of the 67nation convention on international trade in endangered species of world fauna and flora (CITES), also known as the Washington convention. The treaty is administered by the United Nations Environment program.

The meeting, joined by 16 observer governments and 80 conservation groups reviewed the multi-million-dollar global trade in wildlife products - including ivory, furs, hides and whale oil - and wild animals. The conference voted 37 to 2 last Friday to ban the trade of fin, sperm and species of whales despite vehement opposition by Japan and the Soviet Union, the two most important countries slaughtering whales to make mink food, lubricating oil, cosmetics, fertilizer, margarine and steaks.

The vote — surprisingly proposed by West Germany, a major trader in whale products, which imported wildlife goods worth an estimated \$50 million last year - was expected to put pressure on the International Whaling Commission to outlaw whale-killing in the three species.

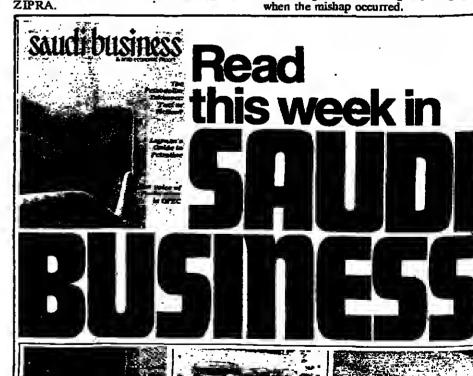
According to the Washington-based Animal Welfare Institute, the blue wbale, the largest creature ever to live on earth, has virtually become extinct because of largescale Japanese commercial whaling opera-

The meeting also voted 32 to 4 Saturday on a British proposal to clamp restrictions on the commercial trade on the entire parrot family, with the exception of the budgerigar, cocktiel and Iodian rosering parakeet species. There are approximately 280 species of parrots, found in tropical rain-forest areas.

The United States, Switzerland, Chile and Argentina opposed the move. An alternative American proposal to place bars on the trade of only 13 species was defeated. International trade in parrots is believed to be about one million birds a annually.

Another British proposal to give protection to semi-precious black coral-widely used for jewelry and ornament -- was passed by acclamation. The United States and Canada scored a victory by persuading the convention to lift a ban on the trade of the north American gyrfalcon. CITES allowed commercial exploitation of the bird, highly prized by falconers in the Middle East, after the Americans argued that their gyrfalcon populations had now become stable.

The conference decided to end ivory smuggling by resolving that raw and semip-rocessed ivory should be marked by local





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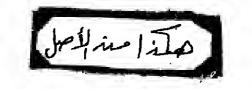
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Bani-Sadr

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TEHRAN, March 9 (R) — Iranian Prime

Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai has accused

President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr of taking

the law into his own hands through his Presi-

dential Guard and effectively setting up a rival

In a television commentary Sunday night

the prime minister, who heads a government

dominated by Islamic Republican Party

(IRP), continued a growing battle over dis-

turbances last Thursday at Tehran Univer-

"The interior ministry was not informed about this rally. The president's office informed the Presidential Guard. The police

and only afterward the ministry which is

responsible for law and order. In this country,

we can see that unfortunately another gov-

emment is operating heside the real one," be

"It is not right that the Presidential Guard

should be in charge of public order, or that

they should at the same time order arrests,

IRP supporters report that 80 persons have

been missing, presumably under arrest, since

the rally, Iran's prosecutor-general has

instructed "all responsible and irresponsible

authorities who have taken any persons into

custody in connection with the incidents on

March 6" to band them over immediately,

together with records and reasons for their

Since the rally there bave been reports of unrest in several cities, with IRP supporters

attempting, with partial success to close down

In the northern town of Lahijan, leftwing

radicals of the semi-legal Mujahedinae-

Kbalq occupied the governor's office and

made an abortive attempt to declare the town

independent of the Tehran government.

"These were the same counter-

revolutionaries who were at the rally and

NICOSIA, March 9 (AP) - Iran's Interior

Minister Avatollah Mahdavi Kani issued has

orders temporarily banning all kinds of

demonstrations and marches in Iran, the offi-

cial Iranian News Agency, Pars, reported.

The ban was prompted by riots Thursday during a rally at Tehran University campus

which was addressed by President Abolhas-

"outlawed groups who have relations with

the United States, or with the leftist regimes

bave stepped up their activities.

The minister said in the statement that

"It is necessary that, at the crucial

moments when the enemy is trying to distract

public attention from the borders (with Iraq)

to internal affairs, all the people should be

discerning and avoid anything which may

cause more disturbances and tumult" the

statement said. It added violation of the

orders would be considered as an act against

Four persons were reported killed and

scores injured in the clashes that crupted

between supporters of moderate Bani-Sadr

and other belonging to the bardline factions

of the clergy-led Islamic Republican Party.

·Club-wielding securitymen clashed with riot-

ers, and sporadic shooting continued late into

bazaars as a protest.

supported it," Rajai said.

parades

san Bani-Sadr.

Iran bans

implement them and judge those arrested,

The prime minister denounced Bani-Sadr's attempts 10 restore order at the rally.

K'einberger says

J.S. must bolster orces in Mideast

WASHINGTON, Warch 9 (R) — Defense cretary Caspar Weinberger has said the rited States should increase its military preice in the Gulf region and possibly supply ns to anti-Soviet Afghan rebels.

In a television interview Sunday he said it the absence of U.S. military forces in the ilf and the Middle East would be "almost invitation to the Soviets ... to believe they uld seize the oil-fields" there. He said the tited States must make it clear to Moscow it ald be taking an unacceptable risk if it ed to repeat its military intervention in ghanistan.

The Reagan administration had made no cision on supplying arms to Afghan fighters, he said but added: "Anything that discourages the Soviets from further adventurism would be a useful thing too." He said such a policy of direct U.S. aid "could only succeed if it were acceptable to the Afghan rebels."

Washington must also have the agreement of countries in the Middle East and the Gulf to increase its military presence in the area,

But Weinherger said it was essential that the the U.S. presence be increased to deter further Soviet adventurism and attempts to seize the oil fields. The United States must also improve its ability to move other force into the region from points far away, he said.

Scotland Yard alert

ibyan assassin teams active

LONDON, March 9 (AP) - Scotland rd helieves that two or three Libvan assasation teams are now in London seeking to prominent Libyan opponents of Col. uummar Oaddafi amid sign's he has inched another campaign against dissints, informed police sources have said. Several leading dissidents have gone into ling or fled abroad over the last two weeks

lowing Scotland Yard warnings they are ely targets, Lihvan sources here reported anday. "There are a lot of new faces bund," one informant noted. "At least one sbeen recognized as a former official at the evan embassy who now is posing as a iduate student here to study.

Scotland Yard spokesmen declined coment but police sources said that special ents are seeking to track "a number of yans who bave entered Britain recently iming to be students." The sources did not inuity any of the alleged students, but Qadfi's intelligence organization has a network informers and sympathizers among the 400 Libyan students registerd in this coun-

However, The Sunday Telegraph reported it Abdul Attioy Al Ohaidi, a key figure in dadafi's regime and closely linked with

FEL AVIV, March 9 (R) - Sixty-two

ab villagers from the occupied West Bank realed to the Israeli supreme court Monagainst the seizure of land on which Israel ands to expand a Jewish settlement, their ver said.

ast month, the Israeli military governnt confiscated the 1,065 acres and Arabs n Salfit, Tufel Haris, Brukin and Sarta

Libya's intelligence organization, bas been

The sources said Yard chiefs fear Qaddafi who is reported to be continuing a crackdown on dissidents inside Libya, may plan to resume bis regime's campaign against erilics abroad on or around April 7. That is the fifth anniversary of attempts to topple him in 1976 when several hundred opponents were killed or jailed in Libya.

Qaddafi called off his gunmen last year after a spate of assassinations in Europe and a dozen Libyans were deported by the United States and Britain amid widespread harrassment of dissidents, But police fears of a new wave of intimidation against Libyan dissidents were heightened last week when Qaddafi angrily warned last week: "The masses have a right to liquidate their enemies at home and abroad,"

The official Tripoli radio later broadcast a statement by Libya's ruling revolutionary committee affirming its determination to continue the physical liquidation campaign against enemies of the people at bome and abroad." Lihyan gunmen killed two prominent exiles in London last April. Several more have been killed in Bonn, Rome and

and seizure by Israel challenged

said the land was theirs. Military sources said it was state land and would be used to set up an industrial zone for the Ariel settlement.

The appeal stated that the land was arbitravily seized for political reasons and called on the miltary governor and the minister of defense to show cause wby it should not be returned to the owners.

Israel claims

ommando wanted to bomb refinery

litary Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Raphael tan, has claimed that a Palesunian comndo who flew a Hang glider from Lebanon srael meant to bomb Haifa's oil refineries. e commando was captured early Saturday

It was an interesting attempt," said ian, of the commando's solo flight Friday

ank of Palestine to reopen in Gaza

'EL AVIV', March 9 (AP) - The Bank of estine in the occupied Gaza Strip, whose ne the military government regarded as a arity threat, will reopen soon under its ginal name, Israel Radio has reported. The e radio said Sunday the military withdrew opposition to the Bank's name. But a kesman for the military command fined to confirm the report and said the e was still under consideration by judicial norities.

he bank, which has been closed since 7, appealed to Israel's supreme court for nission to resume operationg. The court d that the Bank's directors had fulfilled ut one of the conditions stipulated by the

bu-Hatzeira denies bribery charge

EL AVIV, March 9 (AP) - Religious urs Minister Aharon Abu-Hatzeira ned innocence in court of bribery charges said he was a victim of a racially slanted tical vendetta. Abu-Hatzeira took the d midway through this first trial ever of sraeli cabinet minister and testified that to pressure from virtually every ic figure to approve funds for religious rations. He did not say what the med public figures expected in return. bu-Haizeira is accused of taking about (30) worth of bribes in 1979 in return for oving enlarged loans and grants to Jew-eligious seminaries.

e claimed the former director general of inistry, Israel Lippel, was behind the

Idanese judges resume work

HARTOUM, March 9 (AFP) - Judges udan have returned to work after a ay strike in protest against unsatisfactory itions of service, the Sudanese News icy Suna reported,

esident Jaafar Nimeini has issued a re reappointing from Feb. 18 judges who earlier tendered their resignations, ned by the president, the agency said

orge Washington called terrorist, Arafat says

RIN, March 9 (AP) - Yasser Arafat, r of the Palestine Liberation Organizawas quoted as saying George Washing-Tharles de Gaulle and Italian President 10 Pertini were considered terrorists by enemies. "George Washington was a 1st for the English," the Turin daily La re quoted Arafat as saying Sunday. your Periini was a terrorist for the and the same goes for De Gaulle." was quoted as saying U.S. President ld Reagan considers all "liberation

Khalil Saturday met judges who promised to resume their duoes Sunday, Suna said. He earlier held talks with representatives of the

judges of their reappointment.

ultra-left-wing urban guerrilla group.

spotted in London over the last two weeks.

Paris as well as in Middle East cities.

aluminum Hang glider, "But I don't think we

FEL AVIV, March 9 (AP) - Israel's

ht across the radar-patrolled frontier in an

have to panic about it." Eytan claimed the commando had been trained in Syria, and took off north of Lebanon. The Palestinian Liberation Front(PLF) in Beirut took responsibility for the attack.
The commandos are using every means to

infiltrate Israel and perpetate attacks," Eytan said. "And it's natural that they try such

military government for it to reopen. The court ordered the military government

two weeks ago to justify wby the bank should not be allowed to reopen with its old name. Israeli occupation authorities have objected to the name 'Pulestine' for Arab enterprises in the occupied territories, which they say stirs nationalist sentiments among local

The Gaza Bank's assets, most of which were in Cairo, were frozen by the Egyptian government after the 1967 war. With the signing of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty in 1979, Cairo released the funds, making it possible to reopen the bank.

smear campaign in recenge for firing him. He said Lippel had accused him of stacking the ministry with Sephardism, Jews coming mostly from AGP countries, at the expense of the long-established Jews of European origins, "I will bury you," he quoted Lippel as saving when he fired his top civil servant. The prosecution's cast rested mainly on the often confused testimony of star witness

Israel Gottlieh, who claimed to have passed on the bribes to Abu-Hatzeira's aide Moshe Gabhai with the minister's knowledge. Gottleih was "depressed" and felt "betrayed" when he tost his seat as mayor of the religious Tel Aviv suburb of Bnei Braq. Abu-Hatzeira said, and was embittered when the minister failed to promise him a seat in parliament after the next election.

First Vice-President Abdul Majid Hamid

Suna said that the decree was sent to regional governors, president of courts of appeal and provincial commissioners to notify

movements" as terrorist. In the interview with the paper's Beirut correspondent, Arafat was quoted as repeating a denial that the PLO has ties to the Red Brigades, Italy's

"It's disgraceful to write, as some of the Italian press has written, that the PLO has contacts with ... How do you call them? Ah yes, the Red Brigades," Arafat was quoted as saving. Some Italian newspapers have said extreme elements within the PLO have given arms to the Red Brigades.



AFGHAN REVENGE: A Russian T-62 Commando tank (top), armored cars and trucks destroyed in the Parwan Valley in Afghanistan by freedom fighters. These pictures were taken near Rokhai, north of Kabul, site of a Soviet base where Afghan freedom fighters bave claimed many Soviet soldiers killed.

Shamir voices 'sorrow'

EEC support of PLO angers Israel

Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Sunday the Common Market encourages the Palestine Liberation Organization, which he termed an 'extremist element" in the Middle East.

We hope that Europe accepts our position and supports the Camp Davie accords. which, according to our point of view, are the only road to peace," Shamir told reporters at

the airport hefore leaving Italy.

"We're sorry that the European Economic

KARACHI, March 9 (AFP) - The widow of executed Prime Minister Z.A. Bhutto Begum Nusrat Bhutto who was arrested here Sunday bas called on the people of Pakistan to join in the struggle to restore "democracy" in the country.

In a statement, apparently smuggled from Karachi Centrul Jail and released here by Sanam Bhutto, she appealed to lawyers, journalists, teachers, doctors, students, workers, intellectuals, and democratic and patriotic forces all over Pakistan to "join in this struggle."

Virs. Bhutto, who heads the banned Pakis-

Gaza market area

put under curfew

GAZA, March 9 (AFP) - Israeli security forces slapped a curfew on the market area of Gaza after a bomb wounded six persons early Monday, and started systematic searches of the neighboring areas, correspondents in the region reported.

Earlier, Israeli radio reported an elderly Arab and a child were injured. The explosion, which also injured the man's horse, occurred while the territory's military governor, Gen. Yitzhak Segev was salking in a nearby building with the town's mayor, Rashad Sbawa, the radio reported.

BRIEFS

MANAMA, (AP) - South Yemen introduced color television transmission to its people for the first time Sunday, the Gulf News Agency reported Sunday.

KUWAIT, (AP) — North Yemen has returned to Ethiopia a French-made BV-12 gunboat along with four of a total of 22 Ethiopian military officers who defected to the Yemeni state aboard the ship last month, the daily Al-Qabas reported Monday. Yemeni authorities are currently considering an application for political asylum for the remaining 18 officers, the paper added.

BERLIN, (AP) - The East German government Monday denied sending specialists to help Libyan forces occupying the Chadian capital of N'djamena. A communique issued by the East German embassy in Lagos called the reports an attempt "to slander" the Communist country's solidarity with "the struggle of African peoples for freedom and national independence."

'KHARTOUM, (AFP) — Abdel Rahman Arabai, a senior Sudanese officer in the embassy's commercial section, has been made a member of the Order of the British Empire.

TEL AVIV, (AFP) - Following an eruption of unprecedented sectarian violence launched by ultra-orthodox Jewish zealots here during the weekend, Israeli newspapers Monday were near unanimous in pinning the hlame, directly or indirectly, on Prime Minister Menahem Begin's coalition government.

Community hasn't done this, and, unfortunately, that the European community, through its declarations and attitudes, ends up encouraging the PLO," Shamir said.

The foreign minister-had lunch Saturday at-The toreign minister Emilia Col-

Shamir returned to Tel Aviv Sunday after a three-week trip to the United States, Mexico,

Mrs. Bhutto appeals for support tan People's Party, said "I like so many

others, have been arrested, but my voice can-

not be silenced, because my voice is the peo-

ple's voice. I only articulate aspirations of the

people of Pakistan." Sanam Bhutto, meanwhile, confirmed that her elder sister Benazir was also arrested Sunday night while at a friend's house. She added that police had ransacked her own villa and taken away a photo-copying machine and other articles.

Shamir expressed regret at not being able to meet the Pope, but he confirmed that the Pope would be visiting Israel at a date as yet unspecified. On his talks in the United States, the fore-

ign minister said he had told U.S. officials of his country's opposition to the sale of new arms to Saudi Arabia.

'The United States did not accept our point of view because of global considerauons," Shamir said.

"Nothing could compensate us for the ing from the sale of arms to our enemies," he said, adding that when the sale did go tbrough, Israel would demand "the means to counter this new threat."

fn another development, Shimon Peres, opposition Labor Party candidate for prime minister in the June general election, said Sunday that Israeli support for right-wing militias in south Lebanon was a wise policy that must continue. Peres, who as defense minister in a Labor government in the 1970 met Maj. Saad Haddad, at a border crossing

Charges against Sadat aide

Dayan to be sued for damages

CAIRO, March 9 (AFP) — Egypnan Deputy Prime Minister Hassan Tohami will sue former Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan over allegations contained in a book he has written, the weekly paper Mayo reported bere Monday. Dayan was a "liar" and had "invented" everything in his book. Tohami charged in the paper, organ of President Anwar Sadar's party.

In his book, Dayan wrote that Tohami had told him during secret negotiations in Rabat

Iraqi missiles

fired on Ahwaz

BEIRUT, March 9 (AP) — Iraq sailed surface-to-surface missiles into Iran's oil producing capital Ahwaz in invaded Khuzistan province, destroying several buildings. Iran's Pars news agency reported Monday as fighting intensified in the 25th week of the

It was the third straight day that Iran accused Iraq of using missiles, believed to be long-range Soviet-made Frog 7s. Fighting escalated last Saturday when Iran rejected a peace plan proposed by Islamic mediators.

Pars said there were no reports of casualties from the missile attack. It said missiles were fired on the city from four different

Israeli ship sinks

BALTIMORE, March 9 (AP) -An Israeli bulk carrier ship with 35 crewmen aboard sank 154 kms southeast of Bermuda Sunday, leaving three crewmen dead and others floundering in mountainous seas and high winds, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

Sunday evening, Coast Guard petty officer Edward Girard reported 11 crewmen had been plucked alive from the ocean, while three others pulled from the water were dead. One man was rescued by a navy helicopter

and the others by merchant vessels that sped to the scene, but rescue operations were hampered by severe weather as night fell. Lt. Robert Hoey, duty officer for Coast Guard operations in New York, said there was "a definite possibility" that more were dead. explaining that "a definite possibility" that more were dead, explaining that we are still on the information-gathering stage .

in September and December 1977 that a senior Israeli officer was an Egyptian agent during the June 1967 war. Tohami was also said to bave described President Gamal Nasser, Egypt's leader at the time, as a "madman who has taken Egypt to the brink of col-

Dayan has rejected Tobami's charges. Every word he wrote was the "strict truth," he told the Tel Aviv newspaper Yedioth Aharonot Monday. He added that Tohami was the first to reveal Rabat the secret talks in interviews with Israeli journalists.

Extracts of the book are being published by Yedioth Aharonot and by October magazine in Cairo. Dayan was due to go to Cairo Monday at the invitation of October's editor, Anis Mansur, a confidant of Sadat. Dayan was expected to meet the president during the visit, but the trip bas caused a row in government circles in Cairo.

the night in Tehran, according to some reports. The clashes issue came up in the Iranian Majlis (parliament) Sunday, where speaker Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani criticized

Bani-Sadr and called on the higher judicial council to investigate the incident. While saying "it must be cleared up" if some groups had tried to insult the president at the rally, Rafsanjani added "It also must become clear who were those who were trying to preserve security," at the campus.

Rafsanjani noted several groups, including some "with separatist intentions, and those who have openly announced armed struggle against the Islamic Republic," had come out in support of the rally when it was announced.

"We do not expect the president to tolerate their cooperation. The president must clarify bis position toward the groups which in a calculated manner bas risen against the

state," Rafsanjani said, according to Pars. Syrian president says

Merger with Libya to be realized

DAMASCUS, March 9 (AP) - President Hafez Assad in a speech marking the 18th anniversary of the Arab Socialist Baath Party in Syria said the merger with Libya "would be realized" and accused Jordan of supporting the Muslim Brotherhood organization. Assad gave a four-hour speech at a rally in Damascus to mark the anniversary of the "Eighth of March Revolution," which in 1963 brought the Baath Party to power in Syria. Libyan Vice Premier Mustapha Kharroubi and another senior Libyan diplomats were present at the ceremony.

"We have agreed with our brothers in the Jamahiriya (Libya) to put words into action." Assad said, adding "in short, the two leaderships are serious in their desire to realize the merger between the people of Syria and the people of Libva."

Libyan Icader Muummar Qaddafi and Syria's Assad declared they would merge their two nations last September despite political differences and the geographical distance between the two countries. The day the; merger is realized will be a "national wedding," Assad said while crowds cheered and

shouted slogans in support of the plan.

Assad then launched into a stronglyworded attack against the Jordanian monarch repeating previous Syrian allegations that Jordan was training and supporting the Muslim Brotherhood held responsible by Syria for over 200 bombings and assassinations against supporters of Assad's Socialist Baathist regime. Jordan has denied the

The Syrian leader then spoke of the war between Iran and Iraq. He remembered having told King Hussein at the time that if Iraq "found it was justified in declaring a war. against Iran for its alleged interference in Iraqi affairs, then Syria would have been justified in declaring war on Jordan a long time ago." He added that Iraq had not informed Syria of its intention to go to war against Iran and "wanted to keep the glory all to herself"

and not share it with anyone else." Syria has sympathized with Iran in the war whereas Jordan has been one or Iraq's staunchest supporters. Assad also charged Hussein was cooperating with Egypt's President Anwar Sadat in "plotting against Syria."

For WBC title

oza-Edwards outpoints Limon

cies) - Challenger Comelius Boza-Edwards of London, knocked down Rafael "Bazooka" Limon in the fifth round, withstood a game comeback effort by the Mexican fighter and won a unanimous decision Sunday to become the new World Boxing Council super-featherweight champion.

Boza-Edwards, a native of Uganda, ended Limon's three-month reign as champion by dominating the free-swinging, bloody fight which was televised nationally.

Limon was floored by a straight left in the fifth, took more hard punches in the sixth, but made a strong showing in the seventh through. 10th rounds. Boza-Edwards was in command again, however, most of the last five rounds and staggered Limon several times.

The two left-handed fighters both weighed. 129 pounds (58.5 kgs) for the championship fight in the 130-pound (58.9 kg) division also

known as junior lightweight. Boza-Edwards. 25, went into the bought as the secondranked WBC contender, behind Bobby Cha-

Limon, from Mexico City, won the title Dec. 4 by knocking out Ildefonso Bethelmi in Los Angeles. The two fought for the championship after Alexis Arguetlo gave op the title to move up to the lightweight division.

"I knew be'd get tired," said Boza-Edwards, "so I left himself punch himself out earlier in the fight. He knew he couldn't put me away and that I could outbox him."

Boza-Edwards' record is now 30 wins and two losses. His manager, Mickey Duff, said: "I got worried a few times when he just stood there and traded punches, but be always came out ahead. He won because he's the better fighter."

Boza-Edwards, who added the second part of his name as a mark of respect for Jack

Edwards, who brought him to England in 1974, bad been in bard training since December and was confident be could cope with the tough Mexican.

He did just that bere Sunday, picking off the Mexican as he came charging in, winning a magnificent victory in a battle of southpaws. All three judges awarded Boza-Edwards the fight - 146-140, 146-139, 143-141.

In Lagos, Obisia Nwankpah of Nigeria beat the number two contender for the World Boxing Council (WBC) super lightweight title. Juan Jose Gimenez of Argentina, in an official elimination bout here Sunday night. Nwankpah, previously ranked sixth in line

for a chance at American Saoul Mamby's title, best Gimenez on points over 12 rounds. He is expected to fight the winner of a scheduled bout between Mamby and topcontender to Kimpuani, possibly next July at the Nigerian National stadium here.

In second attempt

Flores whips Gushiken for crown

TOKYO, March 9 (Agencies) - Pedro. Flores of Mexico wrested the World Boxing Association light-flyweight title from the Japanese holder Yoko Gushiken Sunday night, stopping the champion in the 12th round.

As Flores unleashed a hail of punches against the helpless Gushiken, the towel came sailing into the ring from the champion's corner 10 signal 10 American referee Steplen Crosson that the Japanese had had enough punishment.

The end came after one minute 45 seconds of the 12th round, Gushiken, 25, had been down earlier in the round, his second visit to the canvas after being felled in the eighth

For Gushiken it was the end of a title reign. He won the crown in October 1976 by pipping Juan Guzman of the Dominican

The champion looked on the way to victory up to midway through the eighth round, beating the 30-year-old Flores to the punch and eluding most of the challenger's blows.

But the fight turned the Mexican's way when be landed a bard right to Gushiken's face in the eighth round and put the champion down later in the round. Flores went in for the kill in the ninth, but the experienced and courageous Gushiken weathered the storm until the 12th round. Then he was caught by a hail of punches which put him down. He got up groggy and was at Flores' mercy until his trandlers threw in the towel.

It was Gushiken's first defeat in 24 professional houts and Flores 15th victory against

The referee and Mexican judge Marco Rodriguez had Flores ahead at the end of the 11th round, 106-103 and 107-104, but Japanese judge Kazumasa Kuwata scored it for Gushiken, 107-106.

The 30-year-old Flores became the champion of the 108 pounders (48.9 kilograms) in his second shot at the title. He lost a unanimous decision to Gushiken in his first meeting with the Japanese in Kanazawa City, West of Tokyo, last Oct. 12.

But the Oct. 12 match was so closely and hotly fought that the World Boxing Association ordered a rematch. Flores arrived in Japan almost two weeks ago saying be had engaged in "secret" training and boasting that he would be in better condition than the Japanese fighter.

Flores proved as good as his word, becoming the first man to defeat the 25-year-old champion in 24 professional fights. The victory was Flores' first since be moved down from the flyweight class.

Barcelona goes down to Atletico Madrid

MADRID, March 9 (R) - Barcelona, without the kidnapped star Quini, lost a vital match in their quest for the Spanish League Championship. Atletico Madrid, the leaders, beat them 1-0, increasing the gap to four-points with seven matches left to play.

There was no news Sunday about Quini. top-scorer in the league, who vanished a week ago, the club has agreed to pay a ransom but wants to know exactly bow, where

Team captain Antonio Olmo said after the match: "This has been the saddest week in my life." But he added: "Once I was on the field, I forgot about Quini. May be forgive me

if be is listening." In Chicago Andre Oostrom tallied twice to key a four-goal strength that carried the Edmonton Drillers to the North American Soccer League Indoor championship series with a 5-4 win over the Chicago Sting.

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But Edmonton closed within 3-1 on a 30-foot drive by Mike Sweeney. Defender Brett Hall answered for the Sting just 45 seconds later, scoring off a long clearing pass, but Edmonton then strung together four consecutive scores.

Meanwhile, unheaten AZ'67 of Alkmaar stretched their lead in the Dutch Soccer Championship to nine points Sunday, with a win in the Hague where none of their five previous visits had been triumphant.

They were 3-0 up at halftime, Nijgaard, Tol Kist and an unwilling Hague defender were the scorers.

Kadiogo (upper Volta) beat Semassi of Sokode (Togo) 3-2 in a first-leg qualifying match for the African Soccer Cup Winners' Cup. Scorers - Kadiogo: Tassere, Ouedraogo (26 minutes), Kulliga Zomalkewin sap (53). Semassi Zacharie (42), Yerima (72).

In Maseru, Lesotho Matlama of Lesotho and power Dynamos of Zambia drew 1-1 (balftime 1-1). Scorers: Dynamos - Alex Chola (and minute), Matlama: - Mahao Matete, penalty (30).



WELL CONNECTED: American Jesse Burnett (left) lands a left to the chin of Australian Tony Muudine on the way to his point decision at Carlaw Park. Auckland recently. Burnett now meets Carlos de Leon of Puerto Rico for the World Boxing Council cruiser weight



Swedish soccer squad coming

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 9: - Swedish First Division team, Malmo F.F. will be making the scene in the Kingdom on Monday. The elamour outfit will take on Gadisia in Dammam on Wednesday and play Ittihad in Jeddah on Friday.

Malmo, who bave the distinction of winning the Swedish League pennant on 12 occasions, boast of a couple of seasoned players including Thomas Sjoberg, who represented

Sweden in the World Cup in Argentina. The team will be flown in by SAS, which bad earlier flown in three other teams, .

Gene Mayer is champion

Scanlon outlasts Vijay

SALISBURY, Maryland March 9 (AP) -Bill Scanlon won the \$200,000 World Tennis Championship Tennis Invitational in Maryland Sunday by defeating last year's runner up Vijay Amritraj of India 3-6, 6-2, 6-4, 3-6,

The \$100,000 first prize was the biggest paycheck in Scanlon's fonr-year career. The 24-year-old Dallas native entered the round-robin tournament Wednesday after Eliot Teltscher injured himself during an opening round loss Tuesday to Brian Teacher.

Despite absorbing Teltscher's loss, Scanlon won the next four matches, including a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Amritraj on Thursday, to qualify for the final,

After a shaky firstset, Scanlon played a more aggressive game in the second set, attacking the net on every opportunity. He broke service three times to take a 5-0 lead.

With a 2-1 lead going into the fourth set. Scanlon's serve began to falter as Amritraj came to the net for several easy points, Scanlon took a 1-0 advantage in the last

set, but blew a 40-0 lead in the second game

.. as Amritraj broke service to tie the set at 1-1.

Both players held service through the next four games hefore Scanlon recorded a crucial service break in the seventh game.

In Denver defending champion Gene Maver overpowered a erratic-serving John Sadri with deep backcourt play, taking an unsurprising 6-4, 6-4 victory to win the \$125,000 United Bank Tennis Classic Championship.

In the doubles clampionship, Andrew Pattison and Butch Walts broke Dick Stockton's serve twice to defeat Stockton and Mel Purcell 6-3. 6-4 :

Meanwhile Second-seeded Rod Laver of Australia defeated American Cliff Richey 6-3. 6-2 to win the \$33,000 Carte Blanche Tennis Legends championship.

Laver was the favorite to capture the \$10,000 first prize after top-seeded Ken Rosewall was shocked 6-3, 6-2 in the first round Thursday night by Owen Davidson.

The 42-year-old left-hander utilized a variety of ground strokes to dominate Richey, wbo won \$6,000 for the second place finish.

In the doubles competition, Roy Emerson and Fred Stolle defeated Rosewall and Laver 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 to claim a \$2,000 first prize.

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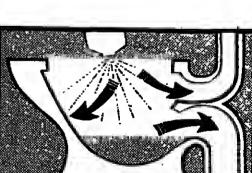
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76ers get past Bucks

ings eclipse Suns

NEW YORK, March 9 - For the Phoenia Suns, who shined so brightly this season, it was a total eclipse.

The Suns, with the best record in the National Basketball Association's Western Conference, showed how the game should not be played Sunday as they lost to the Kansas City Kings 105-68.

The 68 points was the least ever scored by a Phoenix team and tied the NBA season low, set by the expansion Dallas Mavericks. In other NBA games Sunday, the Philadel-

phia 76ers heat the Milwaukee Bucks 123-100 in a battle of Eastern Conference Division leaders, the Boston Celties downed the New York Kniks 115-94, the Washington Bullets edged the Chicago Bulls 103-99, the San Antonio Spurs d'afeated Dallas 133-108 to clinch the Midwest Division title, the Indiana. Pacers trimmed the Denver Nugects 129-119; the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Uniden State Warriors in overtime 120-112, and the San Diego Clippers defeated the

Seattle Supersonies 103-92. ... Phoenix, now 53-21 atop the Pacific Division, had a four-game winning streak snapped by the Kings, who evened their season mark at 36-36.

The Suns jumped to an 8-2 lead, but Kan-SIS City quickly caught up and held a 22-17 lead at the end of the first quarter. Phoenix scured just 34 points in the first half, its lowest of the season.

Otis Birdsong scored 30 points for the Sings. Truck Robinson bad 14 points and Walter Davis 12 for the Suns.

76crs 123, Bucks 100: Mitwaukee, which has clinehed the Central Division crown, was hoping to gain ground on the 76ers in the race for the NBA's best regular-season record and raced to an lead. But Andrew Toney, a rookie guard demoted to a reserve spot last week. come off the hench to score 28 points and spark the Philadelphia victory.

The victory enabled Philadelphia to stay one game ahead of Boston in the Atlantic

Celtics 115, Knicks 94: The Celtics also got off to a sluggish start and led the Knicks by just three points, 54-51 at halftime. What hurt the Knieks in the second half was a 41/2minute scoring drought, during which they went from a 65-65 tie to a 78-65 deficit. Kevin McHale and Larry Bird led Boston with 23 points each, while Campy Russell and Sly Williams had 16 apiece for the Knicks

Bullets 103, Bulls 99: Washington recorded a crucial victory in its fight for a 13th consecutive playoff benth. The victory, keved by Kevin Porter's 28 points, lifted the Bullets to within one game of Chicago for the sixth and last playoff spot from the Eastern Conference. Seven of Washington's 10 re-naining regular-season games are at home. Anis Gilmore scored 23, points for the Bulls, who bad won four in a row and five straight from the Bullets.

Spurs 113, Maverieks 108: With a playoff spot a certainty, the Spurs are taking aim at Los Angeles for the home-court advantage in Western Conference postseason play. They moved to within a half game with the victory over the Maverieks, and they play the Lakers Tuesday night. The spurs also cimched the Midwest Division title with Sunday's victory. San Antonio was paced by James Silas, who had 19 points. Seven other Spurs scored in double figures. Dallas was led by rookie Clarence Kea, with 22 points.

Jarrett, who beat Panatta and Paolo Ber-

Argentina, with Guillerino Vilas and

Jose-Luis Clerc back in action after sertling

their dispute with their national association.

were made to struggle to beat West Germany

3-2 in Munich. They face Romania, who beat

Britain's victory gives them a match against

New Zealand, 5-0 winners over South Korea,

while Australia must go to Sweden to face

Bjorn Borg and company. Borg did not play

in Yokobama but the Swedes still beat Japan

sbad, California, was closer than most people

The American victory over Mexico in Carl-

Quarter-final pairings: Romania -

Argentina, New Zealand - Britain, Sweden

- Australia, United States - Czechos-

Results: Munich: Argentina bt. West

Germany 3-2; Timisoara, Romania; Romania had winning 3-1 lead over Brazil

Brighton, England: Britain bt. Italy 3-2;

Seoul: New Zealand bt. South Korea 5-0;

Yokohama, Japan: Sweden bt. Japan 5-0;

Lyon, France: Australia bt. France 3-2;

Zurich: Czechoslovakia bt. Switzerland 3-2; Carlsbad, California: United States bea

American Zone Final: Bogota: Chile bt.

Singleton, 25, pieked up \$12,000 for the

victory in the 40th annual elassie. The total

purse of \$80,000 makes it the richest motor-

Frenchman Marc Fontan finished second,

while Schlachter had to settle for third and

Dave Aldana finished fourth. All four ran

There was no defending champion in the

race. The 1980 winner, Frenchman Patrick

Pons, died five months later of injuries suffered in an accident at the British Grand Prix.

Colombia 3-2; Asian Zone Final: Djakarta:

tolucci, deserved as much credit,

Brazil, in the quarterfinals.

would have expected.

India bt. Indonesia 3-2.

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Davis Cup round-up

Britain surprises Italy partnership of Jonathan Smith and Andrew

PARIS, March 9 (AFP) - The new style Davis Cup Tennis Tournament got underway this weekend with what are considered the world's leading nations competing in a divi-

sion one contest on a knock-out basis. When the seedings were made last September Italy was expected to reach the semifinals against Argentina with Australia and the United States making up the other semi-

Alot bas happened in the world of tennis since then, notably Czechoslovakia winning the Cup last December and France emerging as a potentially new force..

The Czechoslovaks defeated Switzerland 3-2 in Zurich, Ivan Lendl, the architect of last year's victory, conceding the dead rubber after a disagreement with the match umpire, and meet the United States in what should be a fascinating quarter-final in July.

Australia, without half of their Wimbledon doubles championship partnership, Paul McNamee, but with a super Peter McNamarn, beat France 3-2 in Lyon. The French revival appears to be a fragile thing at the

But perhaps the biggest surprise occured in the English south-coast town of Brighton where Britain, who finished an undisonguished fifth in the recently finished King's Cup European Indoor Team Championship, finals in the last five years, winning once.

Busier Mottram was the British bero, heating both Adriano Panatta and Corrado Barazzutti to total 19 singles victories in 24 Davis Cup rubbers. Yet the new doubles

TDale Singleton triumphs after a promising start.

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida, March 9 (AP) - American Dale Singleton passed Richard Schlachter on the 37th lap and broke away from the pack Sunday to capture bis second victory in the Daytona 200 motorcyele classie. -

Singleton, the 1979 winner and second place finisher last year, finished the 52 laps at Daytona International Speedway with an iverage speed of 108.52 mph (174.64 kmh).

Schluchter took the lead on the 16th lap when Freddie Spencer's machine broke, ipencer, 19, had led for the first 16 lap and, ike last year, was forced into the garage early

Haynes, Greenidge in breezy stand

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, March 9 AP) - England's obviously short of practice fter the political controversy which caused nem to abort the scheduled second Test gainst the West Indies struggled with both it and ball on the second day of their four-day natch against Barbados bere Sunday. Continuing from 210 for five wiekets they

tok three pains-taking hours to add 88 efure they were all out for 298 in their first ining. Barbados after an opening partnerhip of 83 between West Indies Test batsman esmand Havnes and Gordon Greenidge cre 133 for three in reply at close.

The hulk of England's scoring was done by Her Willey who carried his overnight score nine to 51, but he was dropped off fast wier Malcolm Marshall when he was 17

Captain Ian Botham, who was 25 wben play began reached 40 and wieketkeeper David Bairstow scored 22. For Barbados Albert Padmore took four for 71 and fast bowler Sylvester Clarke three for 67.

Havnes, 44, and Greenidge, 45, attacked the England fast bowlers in scoring 83 at more than one run a minute.

Haynes was out to fast bowler Robin Jackman, the man at the center of the recent controversy after his sporting contacts with South Africa but it was John Emburey who ebecked the Barbados scoring with bis accurate off-spin which dismissed Greenidge and Emerson Troiman and had George Reifer dropped at slip when he was six. Reifer was 23 when play ended.

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, (AP) -Rain prevented any play in the second crieket Test between India and New Zealand at Lancaster Park Christchurch Monday. ndia were 174 for 2 in their 1st innings. Iwo days remain and the weather is, expected to improve.

KENTUCKY, (AFP) - World champon Craig Virgin won the United States Pross Country Championship here Sunday. virgin's fmal hurst pulled him over by one ifth of a second after Rose had set the early sace only to be caught, as at the Paris world hampionships last year, by the American's

PEKING, (AP) - Rotterdam and New fork "B" team took the lead in their divitions Sunday in the Invitataional Bridge ournament in Sbanghai, the Xinhua News Agency reported. Rotterdam beat Hong long 13-7 and the New York team beat long Kong 20-0, Rotterdam had 33 points fter two rounds to 27 for Shanghai "B" nd Pekiog in Group "A" and New York B" had 35 to 30 for Shanghai "A" and 29 for Manila in Group "B".

PORTO, Portugal, (AFPI - Swedish driver Per Eklund and his navigator Ragnar Spjuth who were injured when their car erashed in the third stage of the Portuguese Rally on Friday were flown home to Sweden in a special plane Sunday. A doctor at the Sao Joao Hospital where they were treated said that the condition of both men who suffered spinal fracturies - was stable enough for them to be moved.

LOS ANGELES, (AP) - Top-seeded Martina Navratilova defeated 15-year-old Andrea Jaeger 6-4, 6-0 Sunday to win the singles title of the \$100,000 Avon Championships of Los Angeles. Navratilova earned \$30,000 for first place. Jaeger, the tourney's no. 3 seed, took home \$15,000.

TUCSON, Arizona, (AP) - Nancy Lopez-Melton shot a 68 Sunday to win the first annual \$125,000 Arizona Copper Classic Ladies Professional Golf Association Championship by four strokes overrunner-up Pat Bradley.

Yellow Rose keeps in race

JEDDAH, March 9 - Yellow Rose kcpt within striking distance of leaders Pak Saudi in the Binzager B and H Cricket League with an exciting 16-run win over 1395 last Thursday. This gives them 20 points from six matches, only four behind Pak Saudi, who also scored a good win against Indian Embassy.

Yellow Rose eracked 180 runs out of the 1395 bowlers, losing 5 wickets in their 22 over spell. Khalid topped the score sheet with 44 and Moin followed with 36, 1395 lost their rearly bassmen quickly but Penn and Amin put together a 60-run partnership to take them back into contention. Penn was out for 23, hut Lloyd took over and continued the onslaught and put on another 40 runs. Amin eventually fell at 58 but although Lloyd remained unbeaten on

48 1395 could only manage 164. Leaders Pak Saudi downed Indian Embassy by 31 runs, hitting 147 for 7, then holding the Indians to 116 for .. 8 in their 22 overs. Pervaiz (42) and Shahbaz (30) led

the Pakattack, Rehmat taking 3 for 11 runs. while Nasser 134) and Mahmood (23) fought back for the Indians. Masim and Khalid both took two wickets i, conceding 16 and 25 tuns respectively.

Highest scorer of the day was JCC's Habih, whose 119 fell only 5 runs sbort of the league record, set six weeks ago by Shahbaz, Anwar added a useful 33 to help take the JCC total to 184. University could only reply with a poor 51 in 19 overs, Muzzafar taking 3 for 6m and Salaman and Ghaizi taking two wickets each for eight and four runs. This leaves University without a win in their six matches and bottom of the

IAL failed to maintain their winning form, crashing to Pak Jeddah by six wickets. Clayforth (22) and Aleem (21) added most of the IAL score, but lack of support saw them all out for only 61 runs. Adnan and Hamid did the damage, taking three wickets each for 11 and 12 runs respectively. Pak Jeddah needed only 15 overs to reach the winning total [Shahid knocking 23) losing four wickets.

Ice-cool Kite flies away with Inverrary Classic

LAUDERHILL, Flonda March 9 (AP) -Tom Kite, all but over looked in a battle between Jack Nicklaus and Curus Strange, had the hest nerves in the stretch and emerged with a 1-stroke victory Sunday in the American Motors Inverrary Golf Classic.

The steady little Kite came from 2 shots back with three holes to play, hirdied two of the last three and finished with a 3-under-par

He claimed the third title of his career with a 274 total, 14 shots under par on the 7,129vard Inverrary Golf Club Course. The victory was worth \$54,000 from the total purse of \$300,000 and made Kite eligible for a \$500,000 extra prize that goes to any man able to sweep this title and the next two PGA tour events, Doral and the Tournament Play-

ers' Championship. The victory also pushed Kite - who has

played so much of bis career in the shadow of his former University of Texas teammare Ben Crenshaw - past the \$1 million mark in career earnings.

America's favorite pastime in turmoil

ORLANDO, Florida March 9 (AP) -Bowie Kuhn had a forlorn took on his face when he drove into Tinker Field Sunday for one of the few exhibition baseball games he

will see all spring. When Kenesaw Mountain Landis was commissioner, and the same was true with Happy Chandler and Ford Frick, they came to Florida and staved a month in the sunshine," the commissioner said. "I can't stay. I have a lot of problems back on the desk in New York."

The players have scheduled a strike May 29. Free agent salaries bave become astronomical. Fans booed a break in training at Sarasota, Florida.

Club owners are asking mercy. In recent months four franchises - the New York Mets, Chicago White Sox, Seattle and Oakland - have changed hands. Now one of the most respected owners,

Ruly Carpenter, has aonounced he will try to sell the world champion Philadelphia Phillies. "Enough is enough," be said, referring to the unbridled escalation of salaries. : Kuhn's host at the second game bere bet-

ween the Minnesota Twins and Detroit Tigers, Calvin Griffith, greeted the commissioner with a dour visage of his own.

'We lost \$1.3 million last year," he said.

the towel. But we are hoping to survive and go into our new stadium, the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome next year — a big boost."

"I've heard that Ray Kroc at San Diego also is becoming disenchanted and may pull out." Kroc is the guy who built the Padres on a mountain of Hamburgers.

These recent franchise turnovers and threats of additional ones disturbed Kubn. "We can't be assured," he said, "that the replacements will have the same determinadon to protect baseball's integrity."

Asked point-hlank if he anocipated a strike, Kuhn responded,"I can't see a reason

The answer was evasive because the prospects of aborting such a sbutdown of America's favorite pastime are grim and there is little the commissioner can do about it. He bas no control over the players. They march to the drum of Marvio Miller, executive director of the Players' Association. Legally, there is no way except by leaoing on the owners that he can inject his office into wbat is a labor dispute.

"Compensation at the moment is a very important issue," Kuhn said. "It isn't the only one. We are working on a lot of things that

game."
Kuhn insists that the players are bound by good faith tu help resolve the compensation statemate. "If they didn't think that the owners' plan had meritthe sbould have rejected it out of hand last April," he said.

When Bill Veeck recently sold the Chicago White Sox for \$20 million, he left Griffith as last of the owners in the business soley for a livelihood - "the last of the dinosaurs," Veeck said.

"I don't think any player should be signed for any more than two years," argued Griffith. "It's too chancy. Look at Don Gullett ol the Yankees. They say be gets \$333,000 a year without raising his arm after being burt in the

second year of a six-year contract." Griffith is a 62-year-old Scion of the Clark Griffith clan that operated the Washington senators for decades. He is of the free agency bardliners who started out as a bat boy and worked his way up through the system in every dub category.

"This guy used to come to me for his paycheck," Griffith said, pointing to Kuhn. He was skinny as a rail and played tennis."

That's true, acknowledged the commissioner. "I was the scoreboard boy at Griffith Stadium from 1937 until I went into the service in 1943. One dollar a game." "Two dol-

Nicklaus, twice tied for the lead and needing only a par on the final hole to set up a sudden death playoff, 3-putted from the fringe, missing a four-foot second putt that would have tied him for first.

The deeply disappointed Golden Bear, winner of the U.S. Open and PGA last year, played in the group in front of Kite, walked from the green with his shoulders slumped, disgustedly flipped his ball into the gallery and could only stand and watch as Kite made the routine, down-the-middle, on-the-green, 2-puri par that won it.

Nicklaus finished with a 68 and a 275 total. The distraught Strange, a 4-shot leader when play started in warm, overcast weather, bogeyed his final three holes for a 75 that left him at 276.

Andy Bean, a winner a week ago, and Larry Ziegler were another stroke back at 277. Bean shot a closing 68 and Zieglermatched par 72.

Veteran Charles Coody, who chipped in on the final hole, and Johnny Miller were at 278. Coody had a closing 69, Miller 72.

Kite, 4 strokes back at the start of the day, caught the front-running Strange with a birdie on the eighth hole, then dropped back immediately with bogeys on the next two. It was at that point that Nicklaus began a move that seemed destined to take him to the front.

Playing in front of Strange and Kite, he' birdied the par-5 11th and holed from about 18 feet on the 12th and suddenly was within

striking range. Strange hogeyed the 12th and Nicklaus was poised. He got a share of the lead with birdies on the 14th and 15th, but Strange also birdied them and remained one in front.

Both Nicklaus and Strange bogeyed the 16th, missing the green and they still were tied. Nicklaus, however, birdied the. 17th from 10 feet and, when Strange bogeyed after hitting into two bunkers, Nicklaus had put bim away.

But Kite, placidly rolling along on a string of pars, birdied the 16th to get within 1 stroke of Nieklaus "I wasn't looking at Kite," Nicklaus said. .

"I didn't know he was doing anything. Itdidn't matter, but I didn't know. And Kite; playing steadily, rolled in a 15-

foot hirdie putt on the 17th to gain a tie with Nieklaus. Then Jack, after a beautiful drive, put his approach just over the green, putted back

ahout 4 feet beyond the cup on the 18th and pulled that putt coming back. It was a 3-putt " that cost him a share of the lead.

"If this trend continues, we will have to toss in deal with the economie problems of the lars for doubleheaders," said Griffith. ARABIAN AUTO AGENCY is now the Distributor KINGDOMWIDE of **(AWASAKI** Choose from any of nine models, with capacities from 1.2 cubic metres to 5.6 cubic metres. Arabian Auto Agency, well known for top-quality construction equipment, brings a range of super shovels by Kawasaki. This rugged line of earth-movers is

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Contract : B. Jay Becker

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SOUTH

West East North **Pass** Pass Pass Opening lead - queen of

The bidding:

diamonds. It is certainly not unusual for a contract to fail because declarer lacks communication with dummy. There are sometimes valuable tricks in

durarny that are out of reach

because declarer cannot cross

the stream to cash them. Consider this deal where South can point to 13 winners des, one heart, two diamonds and seven clubs. However, there's one big stumbling block — the three spade winners are easier to count than to cash.

Let's assume South wins the diamond lead, draws trumps, and plays the A-x of hearts in an effort to reach dummy. In the actual hand, this method of play fares badly. East cashes the K-J of hearts, exits with a diamond, and the slam goes down two.

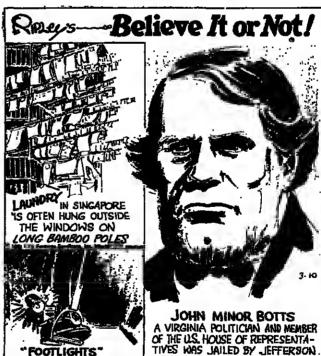
But there is a better line of play - and declarer should use it. Leading the A-x of hearts wins only if West has certain special heart holdings, and this is basically only a matter of luck. Instead, South should make

the extraordinary play of leading the three of trumps at trick two! He should be willing to lose a trump trick to the missing nine in order to create a sure entry to dummy to utilize the A-K-Q of spades. In the actual case, this play

proves to be a sensational suc-cess. West takes his nine of trumps, but is helpless. Whatever he returns, South is sure to reach dummy with the eight of trumps and discard all his losers on the A-K-Q of

There is a far better chance of making the slam by deliberately losing a trump trick than by drawing trumps and then leading hearts. True, you give away a trick you don't have to lose, but you get back three tricks in exchange. One rarely encounters a bargain like that on the exchange mart these days.

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row be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth Sign.

(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Keep financial transactions confidential for success. Behind-the-scenes moves pay off. Advice you receive now is misleading. TAURUS

(Apr. 20 to May 20)
You're better off counting on the support of friends and important contacts than initiating moves yourself. Downplay ego. GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)

Have faith. Others offer you background support regarding career interests. Avoid clandestine involvements and needless worry. CANCER

(June 21 to July 22) Though it's not the time for home entertaining, you'll still enjoy your close friends. News from a distance is happy. LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)

Negotiations involving a business move may be complicated and involved, but you'll come up with last-minute solutions. Keep plugg-VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You'll want to travel with a favorite companion, but mak-

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a loved one. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Extra activity around home base can frazzle your nerves. However, it's a good time to buy something nice for your

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) Rely on your own efforts to get work done now. Counting on others could lead to disappointment. Don't be self-



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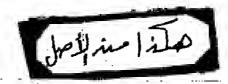
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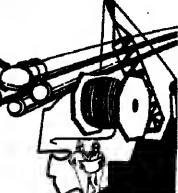
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Weinberger says

Salvador arms flow

WASHINGTON, March 9 (Agencies) -U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger has said that shipments of arms from the Soviet bloc through Cuba to leftist rebels in El Salvador had slowed down. But the weapons traffic was still "something we take very seriously' he said in a television inter-

The Reagan administration has said that the arms are being supplied by Communist nations to help the insurgents overthrow El Salvador's ruling junta. It has sent more than 50 military advisers to assist the Salvadoran government as part of \$25 million aid program. Weinberger said the American advisers were under careful instructions to remain in areas where they were least likely to be endangered. Every precaution had been taken to ensure they served only in a training

U.S. budget may cut spending

WASHINGTON, March 9 (R) - President Ronald Reagan will propose the first budget uf his presidency Tuesday calling on Congress to enact unprecedented tax and spending cuts aimed at pumping new life into the U.S. economy,

The general outlines of the budget for the 1982 financial year, which begins Oct. 1, are already known. Even before taking office two months ago, Reagan and his advisers began releasing bit by it the details of their novel plan to stimulate economic growth and curb inflation by reducing the influence of gov-

The president has already asked Congress for the largest tax cut package in U.S. history - to reduce income taxes by 10 per cent u year for the next three years. The administration has also indicated that it expects Congress to trim the financial 1982 budget by some \$45 billion tu about \$695 billion.

Like the tax cuts, the proposed spending reductions are unprecedented in size, and come in virtually every area except defense, which will be increased considerably.

In news conferences and televised addresses to the nation. Reagan has argued that failure to enact his program will lead the United States into the worst economic calamity since the great depression of the 1930's.

Public opinion polls have indicated that the American peuple are solidly behind the president, but there have been signs that Congress will not automatically rubber-stump his proposals. Democratic leaders have called his planned tax cut a gift to the wealthy. Representatives from both parties have found fault with spending cuts in those programs which they endorse.

At the same time, many leading private economists are skeptical about whether the Reagan plan can achieve all its lofty economic targets. Nevertheless, the president and his cabinet are confident they can reach their stated objectives. They frequently justify their austerity proposals by referring to Reagan's landslide victory over former President Carter as a mandate for change from the American people.

last week that the reports of arms shipments were "James Bond fiction," Weinberger replied: "In this case, fact may be stranger than James Bond fiction." The facts had shown incontrovertibly that Moscow was involved in arms deliveries to El Salvador, he

In another television interview, the minister counselor at the Soviet Embassy in Washington, Vladilen Vasev, denied that the Soviet Union was financing arms shipments to guerrillas in El Salvador." It is a groundless charge...There are no Soviet arms introduced into El Salvador. There is no complicity of the Soviet Union in fomenting a Salvadoran revolution" he said.

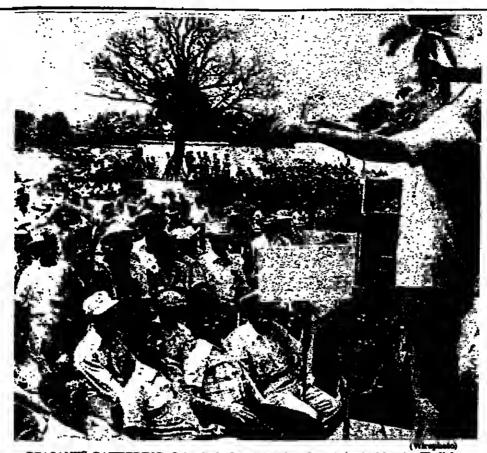
"Salvador is not a problem of Soviet-American relations," Vasev said, adding that Moscow was not in favo-r of "the export of revolution." Asked how the Soviet Union would react if the United States blockaded Cuba, Vasev replied: "That would be trying to take unlawful action against a country friendly to the Soviet Union. We will stand by

Secretary of State Alexander Haig was quoted by Time magazine as saying that the Soviet Union and Cuba bad a strategy to create Marxist-Leninist regimes in central America -"Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras in the first phase",

The problem was wbether the American people and those who shared their values would continue to turn their backs on such illegal interventions, or insist that the future of El Salvador should be decided by the people of that country, he said. President Reagan and his cabinet, the executive branch of the U.S. government, have had encouraging support from the leadership of both houses of Congress, he added.

Meanwhile the Chinese magazine Peking Review said Monday that - China, bas not provided any weapons to the guerrillas in El Salvador, but Cuba has turned over some old Chinese arms to them. The official English-language magazine said China had given Cuba some small arms for self-defense

in the early 1960s, "Cuba, which has ulterior motives, has sent them to the guerrillas of El Salvador. Under the guise of 'supporting' the national liberation movement, the Soviet Union is interfer ing through Cuba in the political affairs of El Salvador and contending with the United States for hegemony, thus making the situation in that country more complicated than ever," the magazine added.



PEASANTS GATHERING: Salvador's Junta member Jose Antonio Morales Ehrlich addresses a large gathering of peasants at Hacienda San Isidrin Sunday on the first anniversary of agrarian reform in El Salvador. Ehrlich is also administrator of the land

Kampuchean front talks begin in N.Korea today

PYONGYANG, March 9 (AFP) -Former Kampuchean leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk will begin talks here Tuesday with visiting Khmer Rouge leader Khieu Samphan on the formation of an anti-Vietnamese front in Kampuchea. The prince. who has agreed to become the chief of the front and head of state, will meet Khieu In a palace here which North Korean President Kim Il-Sung has put at their disposition.
Khieu arrived here Monday from Peking

with one of his cabinet ministers, Keat Chhon, and the Khmer Rouge UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Sakkun.

The prince has laid down a number of conditions for entering into an alliance with the Khmere Rouge - his former enemies. In exchange for his agreement to become head

knowing the passenger train was soon due to pass on the obstructed tracks, grabbed a

flashlight and ran desperately through the

the passengers. "I thought it was a dream, but

then I heard shouts and realized it was all

true. I started screaming and a guy pulled me

of state of Democratic Kampuchea and head; of the united front, he is asking for military. aid from China and the United States for the creation of a "Sibanoukist" army Independent of the Khmer Rouge. He is also demanding an agreement from the Khmer Rouge and China for Kampuchea to be neutralized after a future troop pullout from the country, and for the country to be placed under United

Nations trusteeship. The Vietnamese army ousted the Khmer Rouge regime from Phnom Penh in January 1979, replacing it with a pro-Vietnamese regime defended by about 200,000 Hanot troops. With some 30,000 men, the Khmer Rouges constitute the main resistance force battling Vietnamese troops in Kampuchea. The meeting between Sibanouk and Khieu will be their first since January 1979.

A former Khmer republic premier, In Tam and a former minister of Sihanouk, Nhiek Tioulong, will also take part in the talks. The Khmer republic regime came to power following the 1970 coup in which the prince was overthrown. It in turn was overthrown in 1975 by the Kbmer Rouge.

America decides to stall negotiations on sea law.

The Ronald Reagan presidential administration, seeking better terms for American companies that want to mine the mineral riches of the seas, bas decided to stall what was to have been the final round of U.N. sea law negotiations opened here Monday.

But as one diplomat here puts it, the administration's decision has made the developing countries "mad as hell." Some 163 nations were invited to the 10th session of the law of the sea conference, which is expected to run through April 17 or 24.

But instead of getting an international treaty ready for signing this fall, the diplomats will face a U.S. effort to reopen the most controversial section of the proposed accord to renegotiation. American officials now predict a final agreement probably will not be completed much before 1985.

We want to improve assured access for private industry to mine the deep seabed," said a U.S. official who asked not to be identified. Less than a week before the scheduled start of the conference, the State Department revealed that Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr., ordered the U.S. negotiating team "to seek to insure that negotiations do not end at the present session of the conference pending a policy review by the United States Government,

A spokesman cited "serious problems" with the deep seabed mining provisions of the complex treaty, which has 320 articles, eight annexes and a preamble.

Only last August, after an apparent breakthrough at the previous session in Geneva, former U.S. chief negotiator Elliot L. Richardson said it was "all but certain" the treaty would be completed in New York and be ready for signing by most of the world's nations this fall in Caracas, Venezuela. The Reagan victory last November changed all

Reflecting deep concern by private U.S. mining interests, a plank in the Republican Party platform said the sea law negotiations had "served to inhibit United States exploitation of the seabed for its abundant mineral resources. Too much concern has been lavished on nations unable to carry out sea-

NIMULE, SUDAN, March 9 (AP) - tribesmen, members of which still b Paddling wooden canoes, trekking across rough mountain trails, hundreds of Ugandans are fleeing into Sudan to escape clashes with the forces of Ugandan President Milton

Obote, who in early December became the first deposed African leader to regain power by election, is under attack from the Uganda freedom movement militia, which refugees arriving bere say supports exiled former Ugandan strongman Idi Amin.

The refugees say also that Uganda's Madi

gaining early American access to it." Deep seabed mining - the multi-millic dollar hunt for fist-sized nodules of nicke copper, cobalt and other minerals scattere on the sea floor at depths of up to 20,000 fe - bas proved to be one of the most content

ous issues during the seven years of trea negotiations. Like other controversies between the world's have and have-not nations, this or pits technologically advanced countries lil the United States against the developistates. The former wanted guarantees of pr fitable exploitation and the seabed by prive enterprise, while the latter claimed t resources of the seabed beyond an agre

200-mile offshore economic zone were "t

common beritage of mankind. Australia permits B-52 base CANBERRA, Mareb 9 (Agencia

Australia has given approval for America B-52 bombers to use Darwin as a refuel -base for surveillance flights over the Ind

Northern Territory Chief Minister P Everyingham said in Canberra Monday t Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser had told t officially the B-52s would be coming to D win. In a television interview, he said expected the B-52s, based on the Pac island of Guam, initially to stage thro Darwin once or twice a month.

Everingham said he was not concerned aircraft might carry nuclear weapons on s of their missions through Darwin, "They be coming and I accept that because I be that we must involve the Americans ir defense of Australia as much as we can

Uganda tribesmen flee into Sudar

Amin, are being blamed by Obote's force the outspoken former dictator's poli-These refugees say they don't know if V tribesmen are linked to or make up Uganda freedom movement. But they rej Obote's forces have waged a savage of paign against Madi-villagers suspected of alty to Amin.

The result of the Ugandan unrest has b that an average of 300 refugees per arrive in this small town on the white

Train crash 45 tourists die in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, March 9 (AP) - At least 45 persons were killed and 120 injured weekend at the Argentine seashore collided

after striking the derailed freight cars from a previous train. It was the country's worst rail disaster in three years. The freight train's conductor,

when a train bringing tourists back from a early Sunday with two derailed freight cars, police said. They said police officers and firemen were working to rescue victims still trapped in the wreekage.

resort city of Mar Del Plata, south uf here, to Buenos Aires when the accident occurred at Coronel Brandsen city, 97 kms south of this

cars of the passenger train jumped the tracks

night to give warning, police said, but the The passenger train was en route from the alert was too late. The 13-car passenger train - the "Luciernaga," or lighting bug - smushed into the tank cars while braking, sending the engine and five cars off the track. Most of the casual-The train was carrying 800 passengers, mostly tourists, officials said. Police said five ties were in the telescoped wreckage of the first three cars. "I was sleeping and when I woke up everything was coming down on me," said one of

> out through the window.' "The first thing I did was cover my ehildren with my body," said a mother who was travelling with her daughter and two sons. "I saw that Marcela was crying but I couldn't hear her because the sound of the crash was deafening. We were trapped between two seats that were knocked out of place. It was still before sunrise, so I could barely see the piles of bodles around before sunrise, so I would barely see the piles of bodics around

The dead included five passengers who had been put off at an earlier station for raiding without tickets on the roof, but had managed to sneuk aboard again,

Dollar, gold rise LONDON, March 9 (AP) - The dollar

increased slightly in quiet European trading Monday. Gold prices rose.

The dollar gained against the British pound, however, ahead of Tuesday's budget to be delivered by Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Geoffrey Howe. The pound weakened to \$2.1880, from \$2.1930 late Friday. Howe's budget is expected to include a sizeable reduction in the Bank of England's minimum lending rate.

In Tokyo, the dollar fell nearly two yen in heavy trading, closing at 207.35 yen, down from 209.25 Friday. In later European trading, the dollar was quoted at 207.43 yen. London's five bullion houses fixed a recommended morning gold price of \$473.25, a troy ounce, up from \$470.75 late

Friday. In Zurich the metal traded for \$ In Zurich the metal traded for \$473.50, up from \$464.50. In Hong Kong, rose \$ 4.19 to close at \$475.09. In New York Friday gold finished at \$466.

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